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It's All Conceptual, But Talk of BRT Has Princeton Buzzing

Flyers hanging ominously at New Jersey Transit's Princeton Branch warning of the impending fate of the Dinky if the state's Department of Transportation replaces it with non-rail system have caused some alarm among area commuters over the past two weeks.

Not so alarming is an alternatives analysis study submitted to New Jersey Transit envisioning a regional bus rapid transit system for a large portion of the greater Penns Neck area, since it appears to leave many doors open, and, at the end of the day, carries a price tag that is unlikely to be spent all at once.

That said, Princeton commuters, both residents who commute by rail out of Princeton and those who live out of Princeton and commute into town, filled Council chambers at Borough Hall Monday night, eager to hear the possibilities of a BRT system, and how a new system would effect the Princeton Shuttle, otherwise known as the Dinky.

The study, conducted in part by New

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Open Doors: Police Face Community

Concerns over police conduct and public health took center stage Monday as Princeton Borough officials held their first open, public dialogue in an ongoing series of "Open Doors" community meetings.

Some 70 residents turned out for the presentation, held at the First Baptist Church, including 17 teenagers from the WOWY (World of Work for Youth) program sponsored by Corner House.

After being introduced to Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman, Police Chief Anthony Federico, health officer David Henry, Borough administrator Robert Bruschi, and the Reverend Carlton E. Branscomb, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, the audience heard brief presentations from Mr. Henry and from Chief Federico.

Mr. Henry reported on the work of the Princeton Regional Health Department that serves the Borough and the Township and represents the needs of some 30,000 people. He said that his department was working on flu pandemic preparedness and that there would be flu shots for the elderly at the Suzanne Patterson Center on December 5. He mentioned plans to work with the Mercer County Emergency Management Office to train volunteers who would be stationed in Princeton for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

After introducing himself as a person born and bred in Princeton — born the very day after his immigrant mother had arrived in the United States — Chief Federico, a veteran of 27 years with the police force, described the Borough Police Department's primary duties and responsibilities and addressed current issues, one of which, he said is communication. "We want an open dialog with our community," he said.

He spoke of the need for more manpower. The current force stands at 32 officers, which is two less than in the years prior to 2005. With the extra two men, he said, the force was better able to maintain community programs.

He also made a point of saying that Princeton police are not charged with enforcing immigration laws. "On the whole, we are not concerned with immigration law," he said.

Then he addressed the issue that most of the audience had come for. Describing gang activity as a growing problem in Princeton Borough, originating outside

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Warmer Weather Brings Crowds, Brightening Spirits on Black Friday

Check your calendars. This holiday season has more shopping days than normal.

That's because an odd kismet composed of a November with five Thursdays and an outright balmy first month of autumn has not only extended the standard holiday shopping season, but helped attract the crowds of shoppers that descended on Princeton last Friday.

Local merchants point out, however, that most people who prefer in-town shopping, leaving the big mobs to the big-box stores, are doing their shopping slowly, deliberately, and that there's no one magic day where the crowds are overwhelming.

So is all that talk of Black Friday, and its counterpart, Cyber Monday (the day shoppers return to work only to resume shopping online) pure fiction? Not really, but there are more than those two shopping gimmicks in play. In fact, the Friday after Thanksgiving, while racking up high single-day sales revenues, does not really compare with the success of the dwindling days of the holiday season, like, for example, the week before Christmas.

Barry Weisfeld, owner of the Princeton Record Exchange on Tulane Street, said while Thanksgiving weekend not tops, it is a boon to the business.

"Black Friday is good for business not just because of the whole traditional gift shopping aspect, but it's also because people have nothing to do — there's a lot of pent-up demand, like the day after Christmas," Mr. Weisfeld said, likening the customers' attitudes to those of a weekend crowd, only this time, it's combined with gift giving.

However, Mr. Weisfeld said the weekends leading up to the end of the holiday season are when shoppers tend to aggressively start contributing to the local economy.

As this warmer, longer holiday season, moves forward, more potential shoppers come to town, first sizing up potential gifts, making lists, and then making that final purchase. Kelly Babbitt, manager of Smith's Ace Housewares at the Princeton Shopping Center, said Thanksgiving

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A PLEA FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned of the effects of global nuclear proliferation and urged nations to move toward disarmament Tuesday at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. The speech was the second of four public addresses Mr. Annan is using to present his platform as he prepares to step down as secretary-general in December. Mr. Annan also received an undergraduate recognition, the Crystal Tiger Award, for serving as an "agent of progress."

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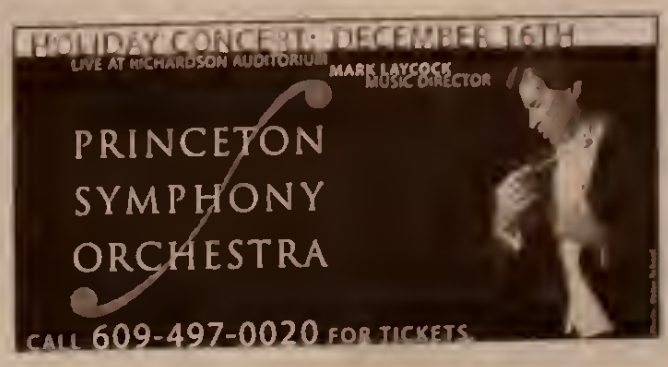

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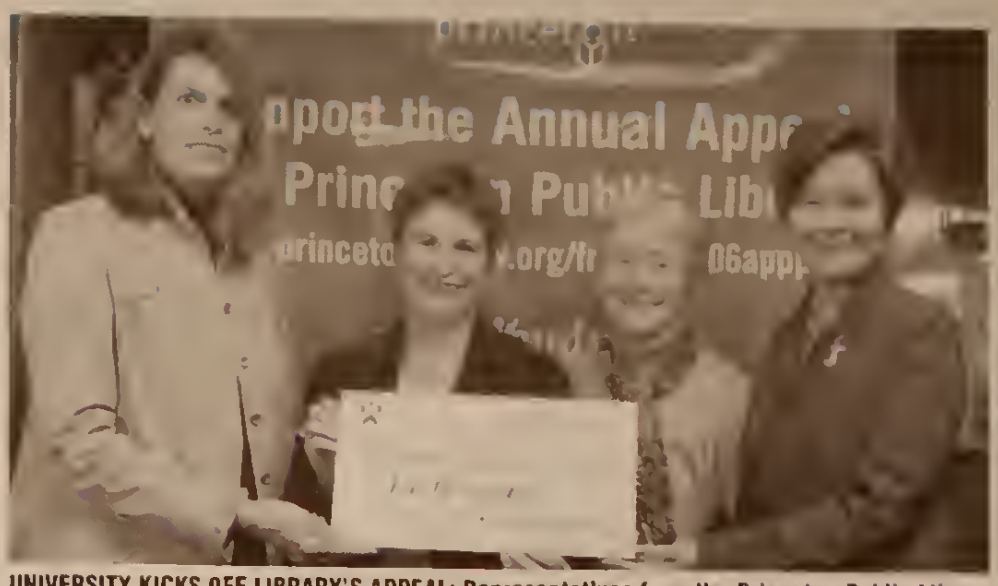

UNIVERSITY KICKS OFF LIBRARY'S APPEAL: Representatives from the Princeton Public Library and Princeton University kicked off the library's Annual Appeal at a recent meeting of the Friends of the Library with a $10,000 donation from the University to the Library. From left, Kristin Appelget, director of the University's Office of Community and Regional Affairs; Leslie Burger, library director and president of the American Library Association; Claire Jacobus, president of the Friends of the Library; and Karen Woodbridge, the University's director of community relations.

Library "Transforming Princeton" With Help From Friends, PU Gift

In response to a community-wide Annual Appeal launched by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, Princeton University has written a check to the library for the sum of $10,000.

The gift will support the library's many programs as described in a new brochure just produced by the library, *Transforming Princeton: Report to the Community.*

"When you consider all that the library has come to mean to this community, you can see that this transformation is taking place," said Claire Jacobus, president of the Friends of the Library. "We're pleased that Princeton University recognizes this and has helped our appeal get underway with this generous gift."

TOPICS *Of the Town*

The brochure, which highlights the library's achievements and seeks support for the Annual Appeal, is circulating in the library and in the community. The theme throughout is transformation: of the library into an institution that goes "far beyond the act of reading, listening, and viewing;" of library finances to meet the increased expectations of the community; of library programs that now embrace film, music, lectures, dance, and the visual arts, as well as the spoken and the written word; of services that now include classes in computer use and small business start-up, among a plethora of others of benefit to the community; and of the Friends of the Library that operates the store and has enlisted leading literary lights as advocates for the library.

"It's clear to me after 30 years in the library business that when a community invests in its library, the community, in turn, is transformed," comments Library Director Leslie Burger in her introduction to the new brochure. "The expectations of those we serve soar, people think differently about the library and what they expect to experience there. They become passionate and enthusiastic supporters of all we do and understand that libraries are central to the quality of life in our community."

The fundraising effort will supplement monies allocated to the library by Princeton Borough and Princeton Township. The total contribution by the municipalities accounts for about 80 percent of the library's $4.2 million operating budget. According to Margaret Griffin, a member of the board of directors of the Princeton Public Library Foundation, the library has been able to close this funding gap each year through the efforts of the members of the Friends of the Library combined with grants, fees, and other revenue sources.

"The yearly gap between the funding that the municipalities provide for the library and what we need to meet community expectations for library service continues to grow," said Ms. Burger. "This is why community support of our Annual Appeal is so important — these funds make it possible for us to purchase

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TRANSFORMING PRINCETON: A new brochure produced by the Princeton Public Library showcases the library's accomplishments during the 16 months since it opened its doors after a period of rebuilding and renovation. "Transforming Princeton: Report to the Community" is part of the Friends of the Library's community-wide Annual Appeal that hopes to raise funds in support of the library's many programs.

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new materials and present our free programming."

The Library received the University's gift from Karen Woodbridge, the university's director of community relations, and Kristin Appelget, director of the university's Office of Community and Regional Affairs.

Ms. Woodbridge and Ms. Appelget presented a check to Ms. Jacobus and Ms. Burger, who is serving as president of the American Library Association this year, at a recent meeting of the Friends Council.

Ms. Jacobus pointed out that library use has skyrocketed since the Sands Library Building opened in April of 2004, and that it continues to grow by more than 20 percent each year.

In the 16 months since the new Princeton Public Library opened its glass doors to the community, it has come to be recognized as "Princeton's living room," a resource, a meeting place, a source of information, inspiration, entertainment, and edification.

According to the new brochure, the community's response to the new building and increased programs and services has been "nothing short of extraordinary."

"The library is now serving 2,500 customers a day, which is an amazing figure that continues to rise," said Ms. Jacobus. "The community has become accustomed to having the very best public library service and materials and The Friends are committed to doing whatever we can to see that the library continues to grow to meet this demand."

Princeton Public Library is located in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon Street, Princeton Borough. For more information about library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

—Linda Arntzenius

Town Topics Annual Holiday Fund Is Off and Running

Now in its 59th year, the Town Topics Holiday Fund continues to receive donations from our readers toward improving the quality of life for people in the Princeton community.

This year funds have already been given to HomeFront and Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County.

HomeFront is a nonprofit organization located in Lawrenceville that has worked to help the area's homeless population rebuild their lives. Contributions help pay for vital programs such as emergency, temporary, and permanent housing; kids' after-school programming, preschool and summer camp; hot meals and groceries; clothing and household goods; cars and transportation; pro-bono legal advice, dental care, and other specialty services.

Last year Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County provided over 12,000 hours of services to 357 students with 159 active tutors. The small staff supports the tutors, and recruits, interviews, and matches adults who want to improve their reading skills or take English as a Second Language.

The Town Topics Holiday Fund is a nonprofit fund. Donations, which are are fully tax-deductible and will be acknowledged in writing, should be made payable to Town Topics Holiday Fund, 4 Mercer Street, Princeton N.J. 08540.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

Flu shots will be available for residents of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, 65 and older, next Tuesday, December 5, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Building behind Borough Hall. In addition to seniors, adults with a chronic illness, accompanied with a doctor's note, can also receive a shot. To schedule a required appointment, call (609) 924-7108. The flu shot is $10, but is free with a Medicare B card. Pneumonia vaccines will also be available for those who have never received one.

Princeton Public Library's Youth Services Department's Teen Services program received the 2006 Eva M. Collins Award for outstanding leadership in substance abuse education and prevention in the Princeton Community. In her monthly report to the Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Leslie Burger singled out Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon for particular praise in working with the rest of the Youth Services staff and agencies such as Corner House and others agencies to provide thoughtful and enjoyable programs for teens.

Neighbors Lobby for Preservation Of Western Section's Morven Tract

Just months after zoning changes targeting oversized development in Princeton Borough, a handful of residents in the Borough's western section, in an area known as the Morven Tract, are now seeking further assurances that neighborhood character will continue to be preserved.

The neighborhood, which comprises about 50 properties, is identified in the Princeton Community Master Plan as a potential site for historic consideration, and in a letter to neighbors and Borough Council, Mary Heilner, a Library Place resident and member of the contingent lobbying for historic designation, outlined a concern with maintaining architectural character in the area, which is roughly bounded by portions of Library Place, Hodge Road, and Bayard Lane, while encompassing Morven Place and Boudinot Street.

This section of the Borough is only the latest subject of continued interest throughout Princeton Borough and Princeton Township in curbing so-called McMansions and employing mandates for neighborhood character. An ongoing dialogue in the Township has focused on a form of overlay zoning known as a Neighborhood Conservation District that places less stringent rules on the property owner, but that mechanism, according to Borough Zoning officer Derek Bridger, was not directly addressed in this case. However, he said that he expected a contingent of property owners to speak out against historic designation, which would subject significant property changes, including demolition, to review by the Borough's Historic Preservation Review Committee (HPRC).

The proposed district immediately abuts the existing Mercer Hill historic district.

Neighbors were expected to appear before Borough Council Tuesday night after Town Topics went to press, but the discussion item was not expected to culminate in an official vote or endorsement, Mr. Bridger said.

As far as style guidelines, nothing is set in stone, Mr. Bridger said, but issues of new structures in relation to existing houses, as well as seeing additions remain in keeping with the rest of the streetscape, will be addressed.

When the Borough weighed in on zoning changes and altering building capability in that area, the Borough's R-1 zoning district, several neighbors worried about potential adverse effects on property values if they lost autonomy over a property through government-imposed mandates.

"I've heard some concerns regarding another level of government oversight, and I expect that, but a historic advisory board would offer good suggestions, and I think it's an overall positive benefit to the town," Mr. Bridger said, but added that "it is an extra layer of review," potentially resulting in an additional cost in time and money.

Cecilia Tazelaar, a member of the HPRC, has met with the Morven Tract group, and said she plans to support the effort and address concerns Borough Council might have during its deliberations.

"Simply put, local historic districts are the only protection from demolition under New Jersey law," she said in a prepared statement to Council, adding that houses like Westland, Grover Cleveland's former homestead on Cleveland Lane, "could be demolished without so much as a brief delay for public comment."

Ms. Tazelaar also pointed to studies indicating that houses in a designated historic district can benefit from increase property values, "or at least a neutral effect."

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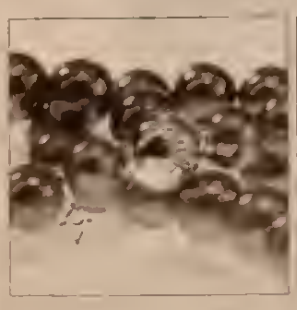

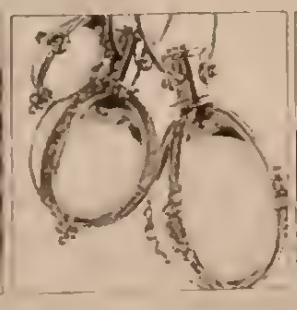

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The all-volunteer Princeton Fire Department responded to a variety of calls this week, including false alarms for faulty or malfunctioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at homes and businesses on Faculty Road, Hulfish Street, Hunt Drive, Library Place, Nassau Street, Washington Road and Winant Road, plus Trinity Church and the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Early Thursday morning, volunteers responded to a general alarm fire on John Street that gutted one-half of a duplex house. Firefighters had knocked down the bulk of the fire within 20 minutes of the 3:10 a.m. alarm, but the last fire apparatus did not leave the scene until 7:19 a.m. Firefighters from the Princeton Junction, Plains-boro and Rocky Hill volunteer fire departments were called in to assist.

Saturday night, volunteers were called on to help search for a missing 80-year-old Princeton resident. The volunteers spent four hours Saturday night and early Sunday morning combing Princeton Borough and Princeton Township for the missing woman, and resumed the search ¬Sunday afternoon, without success.

The Princeton Fire Department was founded in 1788. It is made up of three companies - Princeton Hook & Ladder, Princeton Engine Co. No. 1 and Mercer Engine Co. No. 3. The department is always looking for more members. If interested, please call (609) 540-9343 or (609) 731-1313.

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13 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 13 births to area residents during the week of November 16.

Twin Daughters were born to Miyoun Jeong and Brian Hayes, Lawrenceville, November 17; and Janhavi Rane and Sundeep Shankwalkar, Cranbury, November 21.

Daughters were born to Sudha Cherukuri and Mahesh Vemuri, Lawrenceville, November 16; Hee-soon Cho and Lee Chang-Woo, Princeton, November 16; Juliet Hamilton-Barboza and Cleberson Barboza, Lawrenceville, November 16; Karen Castellano-Smith and Gavin Smith, Princeton, November 17; Elena Melnik and Sambuddha Chakraborty, Law-renceville, November 20; and Tsuhui Liu and Jui-Yi Tsai, Lawrenceville, November 22.

Sons were born to Rebecca and Conrad Plimpton, Princeton, November 20; Padmasree and Hari Gumidyala, West Windsor, November 22; and Kelly and Josh Sokoloff, Princeton, November 23.

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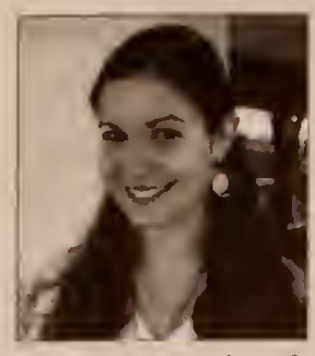
A forum for Princeton residents to express opinions about local and national issues.

Question of the Week:

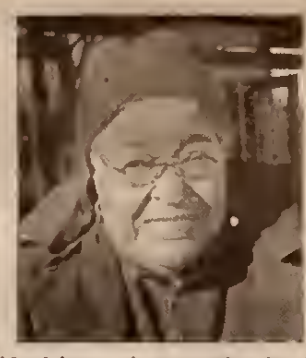
"What is the best holiday gift you've given?"



"The best gift I ever gave was a box of green tea and some chocolate bars from Ten Thousand Villages, because not only was I giving it to someone, I was giving to the artist who made it."
— Erina Pearlstein, Westminster Choir College

"The best one was the gift of Fionnula (a bulldog) to my wife, Caroline. Fionnula then gave us her daughter, Lily."
— Garrett Brown, Linwood Circle

"WOOF! (I gave my daughter, Lily, to the Browns.)"
— Fionnula, Linwood Circle



"The best gifts I have given are books. Better to give something educational than toys."
— Addie Webber, Holly House

"My mom used to have a big wicker basket on her bike. Two years ago, I found one that was just like it, and I gave it to her."
— Kate Massa, Tall Timbers Drive, Lawrenceville

"The best gift I ever gave was one to myself, when I became engaged to my wife-to-be this time of year in 1950. That gift has kept on giving."
— John Huehnergarth, Snowden Lane

Ain't Life (Less) Sweet? Princeton Entrepreneurs Provide a Natural Alternative to Sports Drinks

Eighteen months ago, Nancy Dince, a certified spin instructor, and Dimitri St. Phard, a youth soccer coach and personal trainer, noticed something terribly wrong at the gym and on the field.

"As a parent, there's a horrifying moment when you see your kid walk off the soccer field and their entire face is blue or red," from drinking the typical sports beverage, said Ms. Dince, a Princeton resident. "When you are trying to raise your kids in an environment where you're trying to feed them the right things, that just sort of doesn't fit."

It was on at this common ground that Ms. Dince and Mr. St. Phard, also a Princeton resident, crossed paths and decided to do something about a fitness mainstay that, to them, didn't vibe with the whole fitness scene.

What they did was to come up with Liv, a new sports beverage that can be spotted at various local establishments, including McCaffrey's, Olives, Abel Bagel, Lucy's Ravioli, and Hoagie Haven, as well as national outfits like Dean & Deluca. Ms. Dince and Mr. St. Phard are spearheading a cultural change of the sports world that is dominated by the "Ades": Gatorade, Powerade, and Accelerade, which, Mr. St. Phard said, are about as healthful as a can of Coke.

"There had to be a better way for people to get the benefits of a sports drink without the obvious negatives," Ms. Dince said. Those negatives include the addition of high fructose corn syrup, a cheap and plentiful sweetener that is common in most mainstream sports drinks. The drawback of high consumption of corn syrup, Mr. St. Phard said, is obesity. "It's the cheapest thing food companies can use to sweeten products."

Conversely, Liv, which is made from rice, uses agave nectar, straight from the agave plant, as its sweetener. No dye is used in Liv, which, for now is available in the two simple flavors of Lemon and Berry. Because of these attributes, "our product is a bit more expensive than our competitors'," Ms. Dince said, adding that the agave has a lower glycemic index, allowing the body to break the sugar down more slowly than it would with corn syrup, without the sugar rush, or "spikes and crashes" that can accompany consumption of other sports drinks.

In the early stages of their venture, coming up with a recipe was more or less trial and error for the duo, however, as they tested their product on willing subjects, including local rowers, members of the Princeton Soccer Association, and runners associated with the Princeton Running Company. They started out using cane sugar to sweeten up the product, but, after receiving feedback on a number of recipes, landed with agave. "We were lucky that a lot of people in the area gave us access to their teams," Ms. Dince said.

A good year passed before Mr. St. Phard and Ms. Dince were ready to bottle a recipe, but by that point, they were pretty sure that what they were packaging had what it took to get the product rolling.

With the help of sales manager (and Mr. St. Phard's brother) Igor, the team put together a concept. "Liv," is short for Ms. Dince's daughter Olivia, who is "the embodiment of energy," Mr. St. Phard said. The logo, upon first glance an elliptical shape, is actually the shape of the Dince family's favorite stone found on the beach in Martha's Vineyard. And the slogan, "Liv Natural," pretty much says it all.

But a smart product can't go a long way without proper funding, and the right angel investors saw that the drink could get off the ground. Entering as an offshoot start-up in an industry estimated in the $3 to $4 billion range is not exactly easy, but enough investor interest was there to make the Liv product viable: "If you carve out just a small piece of that industry, you can be a very big business very quickly," Ms. Dince said, adding that recent growth in the natural and organic segment of the food and beverage industry only bolstered investors' interests.

Distributed by the St. Phard/Dince outfit Ritouna Natural, Liv has likely not yet seen its best days. After only being live for 14 weeks, sites are already set on grander agenda. "For now, we want to focus on schools and universities," Mr. St. Phard said, adding that working a healthier product into the general vocabulary of day-to-day use would help advance the product's general philosophy.

"It's a cultural change, but people are coming around," he said.

—Matthew Hersh

LIV-ING THE DREAM: Princeton residents Dimitri St. Phard, left, and Nancy Dince have managed to fill a niche in the multi-billion dollar industry of sports drinks. Their product, Liv, uses natural sweeteners and coloring that, they say, will resonate within the fitness world. Here, they stock the shelves at one of several outlets, McCaffrey's at the Princeton Shopping Center, with McCaffrey's grocery manager, Anthony Caggiano. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)*

Area Business

The **Bank of Princeton**, an independent community bank slated to open its first of two Princeton branches on Chambers Street sometime in 2007, has invited potential investors to its fourth and final investor meeting at the Princeton Public Library's Community Room on Tuesday, December 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For information, visit www.thebankofprinceton.com.

Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit, fair trade store featuring handcrafted home décor, gifts and holiday decorations made by artisans in Africa, Asia and Latin America, will host a series of Community Shopping Benefits to support local nonprofit organizations this holiday season. Ten Thousand Villages will donate 15 percent of the evening's total sales to local charities. The events, which will take place at the store's Princeton Shopping Center location, include: Nassau Presbyterian Refugee Resettlement Program, Thursday, November 30, 5 to 9 p.m.; Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County, Sunday, December 3, 1 to 5 p.m.; Littlebrook Elementary School's Joe Fund, Thursday, December 7, 5 to 9 p.m.; Nassau Presbyterian Refugee Resettlement Program, Sunday, December 10, 1 to 5 p.m.; Princeton Young Achievers, Tuesday, December 12, 5 to 9 p.m.; the New Jersey Unit of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, Thursday, December 14, 5 to 9 p.m.; and the Princeton Area Homeschool Choir, Sunday, December 17, 1 to 5 p.m.

In the coming weeks, the **Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce** will host the following events: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce East Windsor Chapter "Holiday Networking Bingo" Breakfast, November 30, 8 a.m., at the Holiday Inn East Windsor; Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Meeting, December 6, 8 a.m., Roman Hall, Trenton; Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce Trenton Chapter "Why Not Wednesdays?" evening networking event, December 6, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Baldassari Regency in Trenton.

Quaker Bridge Mall will host its first annual Military Appreciation Shopping Day on Friday, December 8, where members of the military and their families are invited to the mall for special store offers. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

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Jersey Transit, as well as the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and the state's Department of Transportation, developed out of a series of public meetings held in the region, outreach, work sessions, and quarterly development updates at the Central Jersey Transportation Forum. The analysis offers a look at potential scenarios that could eventually augment, or replace outright, the Dinky as part of an effort to establish a comprehensive route devoted to buses and emergency vehicles stretching from Trenton to South Brunswick. According to some Borough officials, Monday night's public session, which was hosted by New Jersey Transit senior director Jack Kanarek, came in response to calls protesting that planning for the entire Dinky corridor was occurring without the proper public input.

"A lot of commuters didn't know what was happening and it struck me that a lot of planning was going forward," said Andrew Koontz, a Borough Councilman and rail commuter, alluding to continued Princeton University planning for its envisioned "arts neighborhood" along Alexander Street, which could result in the University relocating the Dinky station 500 feet south of its current spot, and require continued BRT analysis.

Marvin Reed, a member of the Princeton Regional Planning Board, identified common gripes with the Princeton Shuttle, including its inability to run every 10 minutes, and commuters' complaints that it does not properly connect with westbound trains toward Trenton.

"If anything, we want to make sure that normal routines are even more efficient than they were," he said, adding that if the Dinky were to transform into a BRT system, it should link with a route that would bring commuters through Princeton.

Mr. Koontz, however, has worried that any significant alteration of the Dinky line could deter ridership, a point not lost on commuters in attendance, nor on Mr. Kanarek, who acknowledged the public perception of buses as traffic-ridden and potentially noisy.

BRT vehicles are likely to be more of a hybrid between modern buses and trams, Mr. Reed said, and while a BRT route would have to align itself with existing infrastructure and share the road with other automobiles, especially if it traveled deep into the Borough, points along undeveloped sections of Route 1 would allow for unimpeded, designated routes, Mr. Kanarek said.

But a system that traveled well into the Borough would require some additional thinking about a comprehensive jitney system, said Borough Councilwoman Wendy Benchley Tuesday, at a circulation subcommittee of the Planning Board. Mr. Kanarek, who presented largely the same PowerPoint presentation, fielded starkly different questions. There was less sentiment about the Dinky, while a more prominent issue concerned ongoing developmental projects in the region, namely, the Princeton University's campus design plan, an expansion of Quakerbridge Mall, and the relocation of the University Medical Center at Princeton and the Merwick Care Center to Plainsboro, which could conceivably be serviced by a BRT.

Additionally, the governor's Office of Economic Growth has been working with the not-for-profit New Jersey Future in an attempt to create the core Route 1 corridor as a launching pad for planning that promotes livable, accessible housing near commercial and office areas. BRT would be part of that general concept.

Ms. Benchley warned that if New Jersey Transit were to move forward with the BRT plan, DOT should start exploring land acquisition in the area to accommodate for future infrastructure.

"This plan makes great sense, but it's not going to happen if DOT waits to buy the land," she said.

There is no definitive timeline for the BRT project, and study indicates that any BRT plan would be phased. The entire project, if built all at once, would fall in the $600 million to $700 million range, the study reports.

The analysis also states that a full system could add an average of 17,000 to 19,000 weekday trips to the transit system in the Route 1 corridor, with an estimated reduction of 11,000 to 12,000 automobile trips. The study goes on to say that the percentage of work trips using BRT-related transit would increase from a range of 2 to 4 percent to 5 to 9 percent in its core study area of West Windsor, Plainsboro, Princeton Township, and Princeton Borough.

Mr. Kanarek indicated that there is funding to examine the Dinky line in the short term, and that the route between Princeton and West Windsor would be a logical starting point for any change.

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PROFILES IN EDUCATION

"Princeton students show that they are willing to learn," said Shwu-Fen Lin, Princeton High School's new teacher of Mandarin. "I am constantly devising new ways to teach them and thinking of ways to advance the curriculum and the program."

With a background in Chinese Literature and a career as a high school teacher in Taiwan, Shwu-Fen Lin set out to add some expertise in technology to her resume when she first came to the United States in 1989. After receiving a master's degree in computer science from New York Institute of Technology, she returned to her true passion, teaching Chinese language and culture to high school students. In addition to PHS, she teaches on weekends at the Princeton Chinese Language School where the majority of her students are of non-Chinese heritage. Everyone, it seems, is catching Chinese Fever! To Ms. Lin, who speaks Mandarin, Taiwanese, and English, that's just fine.

According to Ms. Lin, who began introducing the Mandarin language to students at Princeton High School this fall, teaching Chinese in America is very different than teaching it in Taiwan or in China. Her American students are fresh to the culture and language of China with minimal background in either and little feel for the written Chinese characters for which there is no equivalent in English. To engage the attention of students starting from scratch, Ms. Lin has created her own curriculum and a great deal of visually stimulating materials.

She uses castanets, tambourines, and drums to create rhythms and rhymes that aid memory retention. Her students learn to sing songs, practice Chinese calligraphy, and work together on interactive projects. She uses story cards to connect a visual image with a Chinese character and the word written in Pinyin, the phonetic form of Chinese that uses the letters of the Roman aiphabet. Ms. Lin spent the first three weeks of Mandarin i Introducing her students to Pinyin.

In addition to Pinyin, her students are learning to use the simplified Chinese characters used commonly in China today, having been introduced by the government of the People's Republic of China to promote literacy. The characters are quicker and easier to produce because they are created with a fewer number of strokes than many of the traditional Chinese characters. While a traditional character set is used in Taiwan and Singapore, there is significant overlap between the two systems since many characters were left unchanged by simplification.

Chinese writing is especially challenging because one character can symbolize many concepts, Ms. Lin explained. For example, the word "sheng" can mean both the noun "student," and the verb "to give birth to." Sometimes the concepts are not related, and that can be a challenge for beginners. Not only that, a single character can have different pronunciations. Even more of a challenge, the same character, said in different tones, can have different meanings.

With deep knowledge of her own heritage and culture, Ms. Lin cannot but impart a wealth of information beyond the language. As a result, her students are enthusiastic about speaking to one another, and to their teacher, in Chinese. "I am so proud of them when I hear them speak," she said. And although it's early yet, she has already spoken to Princeton Regional Schools Supervisor of World Languages and ESL/Bilingual Programs, Priscilla Russel, about her hopes of one day taking PHS students on a trip to a Chinese-speaking country.

Chinese Fever

"We have lots of fun in the classroom," she said, "and quite a lot of visitors." Her students are getting used to receiving visitors and observers. In what has been dubbed Chinese Fever, Princeton High School recently hosted a delegation of 21 educators from Qindao, China. Princeton Regional Schools Superintendent Judith Wilson spent 16 days in China this summer as part of a six-member delegation of New Jersey and Pennsylvania educators. According to Ms. Lin, Chinese Fever stems in part from the introduction of Chinese as an Advanced Placement subject this year, and in part because of the recognition of China's developing economy.

Before coming to PHS, Ms. Lin taught for the Highland Park School District, in Bartle Elementary School and in the Highland Park Middle School. There, in addition to designing the curriculum and creating her own teaching materials, she also organized a China Night, which was attended by almost 400 people. Since 1999, she's been teaching for the Princeton Chinese Language School, serving as its academic director for the last two years, modeling classroom techniques and researching and selecting new teaching materials. Currently she teaches a 7th grade class on weekends for the PCLS, which takes place at Princeton Day School.

In Taiwan, Ms. Lin taught Chinese literature at the Xien-Rong High School after gaining her B.A. in Chinese Literature from the University of Chinese Culture in Taipei. In Princeton, she has also shared her knowledge of the history of Chinese characters with students at the Princeton Adult School.

Taiwan

As a child growing up in Nantou, Ms. Lin wanted to be a teacher. She first came to the United States with her husband Shah-Chang Thomas Lin, who is from Taipei and studied computer science in the United States before returning to Taiwan. After their marriage, the Lins returned to the U.S., first living in Los Angeles and then settling in Pennington, where they live with their two daughters, Brenda (12) and Emily (14). Brenda is a student at Timberlane Middle School in Pennington and Emily is a student at PHS. The Lins try to return to Taiwan every two years or so, to visit family members — her brother and sister and her husband's brother, sister, mother, father, and 99-year-old grandmother — and for Brenda and Emily to keep up with their Chinese.

Ms. Lin's teaching is carried out with much enthusiasm and energy. For relaxation, she returns to a musical instrument popular in China, that she learned to play when she was teaching high school in Taiwan. The notes of the Guzheng, a wooden instrument with strings rather like a zither, are soft and kind, she said, the music is beautiful and she feels relaxed and very good playing it.

She imparts a love for her own cultural heritage to her Mandarin i students who not only learn geography and history, they try their hands at Chinese calligraphy, Chinese knotting, and Chinese chess. Soon they will be preparing for a celebration of the Chinese New Year |February 18| at the high school that will spill over to the Princeton Public Library on February 24, when Ms. Lin's PHS and Princeton Chinese Language School students will introduce the traditions of the Chinese New Year to the Princeton community.

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the community and developing within it, he said: "This is a real danger. It's not just perceived. It's real, it's dangerous, and we need to deal with it."

As the microphone circulated, the discussion opened to the audience, which included many prominent Princetonians: John Witherspoon Middle School Principal Bill Johnson, Claire Jacobus of the Friends of the Library, Former Township Mayor Jim Floyd, Board of Education members Alan Hegedus and Walter Bliss, and Borough Council members Barbara Trelstad and Wendy Benchley, among others.

The discussion focused on the concern of the majority: the community-wide perception that black youth in Princeton are treated differently by Borough and Township police.

The first questioner asked about the incident in September in which four Princeton youths were removed from Princeton High School by Borough police officers for questioning. He asked if the crime for which the boys were later charged had been classified as a bias crime. Chief Federico answered that it had been referred to the County Prosecutor as a bias crime.

Former Township Mayor Jim Floyd asked the chief if there was any relationship between new gang activity and the sale of drugs. Chief Federico, who described a recent drugs raid by Borough police officers on Clay Street where there were gang members from Trenton, said it was likely that the two were related.

Several WOWY members asked questions about how the police plan to deal with gang activity. "Tonight's meeting and this dialog is a beginning; we have identified the problem and we need to work together as a community," said Chief Federico. "People gravitate to gangs because they lack family structure so it's important that we as parents are aware of what our kids are doing." He suggested that parents take a look at their kids' MySpace accounts to see what kids are putting on there. "It will be an eye-opener."

In response to another high school questioner as to what the police, rather than parents, are going to do, Chief Federico said that in addition to enforcing the law, the police also work with youth organizations and particpate in activities such as the basketball tournament that took place in Princeton over the summer. "We believe in being active in our community and working with the children in the community, for children are our future."

One Borough resident asked for statistics for gang related activities. While Chief Federico had no statistics to provide, he reported on several recent incidents that he said can be related directly to gang activity, citing a series of robberies where individuals had identified themselves as gang members (one involving the use of a handgun on Palmer Square).

The resident then asked about the kinds of training given to police officers to help them determine what constitutes gang activity and gang membership, and whether there was also any social training for police. The response was that the force regularly participates in annual gang awareness training through Mercer County and that officers are being trained in gang prevention so that they can put on programs for students in the schools.

Mr. Bruschi added that an "inordinate" amount of training is required of police officers, which can put an enormous strain on a small department.

Addressing Chief Federico, one audience member asked what can be done about the community's perception that Princeton Borough and Princeton Township police behave differently when it comes to the treatment of Princeton's black youth. Nodding in assent with the questioner, several black audience members expressed the feeling that one could approach and have a civil conversation with a Township police officer but not with a Borough officer.

Chief Federico responded that he did not share that perception. Mr. Bruschi interjected the following: "When those instances happen there's a whole process where you can report an officer and we should be interested in knowing if there is a situation. If you don't feel comfortable bringing it to the police, bring it to my office." He said that part of the perception may stem from the fact that the Borough is very different from the Township because there are more opportunities for police action within the Borough because of the downtown area with a lot of transient visitors."

A member of the Concerned Citizens of Princeton, a group working with the police department, commended Chief Federico and his staff for "trying to help us save 30 kids from gang activity — we lost a few, but we saved more than we lost," he said. He was critical however, of the police information officer for the perception that gang activity is worse than it is, exaggerating the issue and inciting fear in the community. "Perhaps he should tone it down a little bit," he said.

Members of the audience spoke candidly about their feelings that African American youths were being targeted by Borough officers; being pulled over and sometimes searched when doing nothing but hanging out together with their friends. "That's not perception, that's fact," said one father who claimed that kids are being dealt with in a manner not conducive to good police-community relations on a daily basis.

"This is the first time, I've heard of it," said Chief Federico, who added that when a complaint was made recently that the Borough had violated the civil rights of four black students at PHS, the attorney general found that the police had done nothing wrong.

The point was made several times during the evening, that the police had not broken any laws in the recent incident in September when four youths were removed from PHS for questioning.

Princeton Regional Board of Education member Alan Hegedus spoke from the audience about his role as head of a new committee created to examine ways to improve the agreed protocols and procedures between police departments and Princeton schools. "As a result of the recent incident, the document of agreement between the school board and the police departments is being reviewed by a committee formed for the purpose; fashioning revisions will make us more comfortable with the document," he said.

The police chief was asked whether the police monitor their officers for harassment. Yes, said the chief, and if anyone has a complaint it will be investigated. "Please come forward, identify the officer, the car, the badge number. We look at patterns. We look at multiple complaints," he said, adding that last year the department conducted 12 internal affairs investigations of which four or five were sustained and officers reprimanded. While not all of the complaints were for harassment issues, the numbers show that complaints are taken seriously and dealt with seriously.

Encouraging community members to make their complaints formal, Ms. Trotman said: "I have lived in the Borough for 45 years and I stress the importance of following up. There is no reason that you cannot make a complaint. If you don't know the officers address, give the date, location, time of day."

The police chief added: "Tonight is a beginning. We welcome dialogue with the community. I am sorry that there is a perception that the Borough police are not as approachable as the Township police."

The word "perception" having been used a great deal during the evening, Pastor Branscomb eloquently rounded up the evening's discussion with an impromptu examination of the term and its use. His point in a nutshell was that perceptions matter and are often derived from fact and experience. He spoke of his own experience in Princeton, when he was not dressed in his usual pastor's garb, and the rude treatment he had received from Borough police officers. "Our kids are not angels but they do not deserve to be treated like hardened criminals," he said.

The last word however, came from another audience member, who quietly pointed out that there have been violent attacks in Princeton on some of the most vulnerable members of its community, immigrants who are often reluctant to come forward to complain about what has happened to them.

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Bunn Drive Search Produces Nothing More Than Old Clothes

A trail of clothing that had Princeton Township, state police, and K-9 units searching for a carcass or a body near Bunn Drive in the Township, produced little more than the trail that led them to the site in the first place.

On Monday, a passer-by notified Township police of a small collection of old clothing on a trail that connects to Bunn Drive. When police responded to the scene, 4' by 6' depressions were found in the ground, and had appeared to be there for some time. At this point, Township police summonsed the state police to the scene, and requested a scent dog.

The dog had honed in on one of the depressions, indicating the possibility of a body or an animal carcass buried under the soil. It was determined that further investigation was required and police began to dig on the site early Tuesday morning. However, after five hours of digging, nothing was found, and police ended the search at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday.

It was subsequently determined that nothing of interest or suspicion was at play.

Missing Woman, 76, Took Bus To NYC, Borough Police Say

An elderly women who disappeared from her Borough home Saturday afternoon was found far from home Sunday in Manhattan following regional recovery effort.

The woman, 76, whose name was withheld by police, reportedly walked away from her residence around 4 p.m., and was reported missing by her family shortly thereafter. Following an immediate investigation by Princeton Borough Police, the Princeton Fire Department, and the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, other regional agencies were notified of the woman's disappearance, including the state police, the Princeton Township Police Department, the Princeton University Department of Public Safety, and fire companies from West Windsor, Kingston, Princeton Junction, South Brunswick, Plainsboro, Montgomery, and Rocky Hill.

After the search resumed Sunday, the woman, who suffers from dementia, according to Borough police, was located by the New York Police Department walking around 21st and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan. Borough detectives were sent to pick the woman up and return her to Princeton.

Police said it is likely she took the bus to the city.

The woman, who was reportedly unharmed, was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton for observation.

Princeton Borough

On November 19, at 11:01 a.m., Borough police arrested Saul Cifuentes, 24, of Princeton, for burglary, theft, and forgery, following an investigation that indicated that Mr. Cifuentes entered a Lytle Street residence. The accused was released with several complaint summonses.

Princeton Township

On November 19, at 3:15 a.m., Township patrols responded to a call to the Rocky Hill Mobil Gas Station investigating an armed robbery that had just occurred. The attendant reported that a white male, approximately 18 years old, and wearing a ski mask, displayed a handgun and ordered the attendant to open the station's locked door and hand over the station's cash. The attendant gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police later apprehended a 17-year-old Montgomery Township juvenile as a suspect in the robbery and for possessing a weapon. The juvenile was set to the Mercer County Youth Detention Center.

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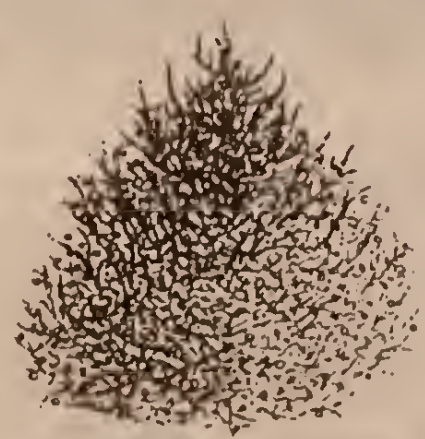

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Black Friday

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weekend was good for business, but not noticeably more lucrative than other successful weekends.

"We expected Black Friday to be busier than it was," she said, adding that Ace's sister store, Smith's Ace Hardware, performed well because of a virtual storewide sale. "The sales and promotions worked well for them, but we didn't have that, so it stayed pretty mellow," she said.

But the hunt is on.

People are looking, Ms. Babbitt said, adding that gift-friendly shops will probably see similar customer trends. And because it's early, she speculated that a number of customers are looking for presents for their own wish lists. 'Tis the season for receiving?

"There are tons of people coming in to see what we have for others, and pick a few things for themselves."

Chestnut Tree Books owner Ira Kaye, Ms. Babbitt's neighbor at the shopping center, said business has largely been steady, but that the mobs that characterized the downtown scene Friday did not translate to the shopping center.

"I find that because the shopping center is not like a big mall without that one anchor store giving huge discounts, we don't have people waiting outside at 7 a.m., but there is a nice spirit that is impacting business," he said.

And while the big numbers are not quite yet present, the "holiday wallet" is there, Mr. Kaye quipped. "There's a nice attitude among the shoppers and there's a small uptick in sales, but compared to last year, it's been about the same."

Lewis Wildman, owner of Jordan's Cards & Gifts, theorized that recent changes in the national political landscape could have translated well in Princeton's Democratic base. A sense of change could translate well for business, he said.

"I think people are a little more positive. This is a very Democratic town and the fact that Democrats won in the fall, I think, has some looking forward," he said.

However, at stores like Jordan's with merchandise that includes, but is certainly not limited to, wrapping paper and gift cards, shoppers are getting prepared year-round. "Our customers begin shopping for Christmas in January.

—Matthew Hersh

QUARK PARK, FAREWELL: A last scene from a happy here today/gone tomorrow feature of Princeton life as Quark Park marks its official closing with "Experiment On This!--The Quark Park Science Comedies" by Luigi Jannuzzi. The event, which will be held tonight, Wednesday, November 29, at 7 p.m., consists of a 40-minute staged reading of five comic pieces about Science, Sculpture and Quarks. Quark Park will close for good at 11 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. The installations will be removed and the site cleared and returned to Palmer Square Management in December. For further information on Palmer Square's position on the project, call David Newton at (609) 921-2333 or email him at dnewton@palmersquare.com.

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By Bill Moran,
Whole Earth Center Customer Service

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1 fresh organic orange, cut into thin slices

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More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... *Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics*

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Scholars from across the country will gather at Princeton University this week to examine the impact of the journal The Public Interest on U.S. policy in a range of areas during the 40-year life of the publication. The free public conference, entitled The Public Interest and the Making of American Public Policy: 1965-2005, is presented by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, and will take place in the University's Computer Science building No. 104 tomorrow, November 30 and Friday, December 1.

The program will run from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Friday.

The Computer Science building is located on Olden Street between William Street and Prospect Avenue.

The Public Interest was founded in 1965 by Daniel Bell, Nathan Glazer, and Irving Kristol. After providing the forum for publication of many influential ideas for economic, educational, and social policy reform, it ceased publication in 2005.

Among the scholars who will be taking stock of the political and cultural developments of those decades are several who were themselves authors of influential articles in The Public Interest. Mr. Glazer and Mr. Kristol are planning to attend the conference and participate in a roundtable discussion at its conclusion.

Other participating scholars will be James W. Ceaser of the University of Virginia, on constitutionalism; John J. Dilulio Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania, on crime policy; William A. Galston of the Brookings Institution, on social policy; Harvey Mansfield of Harvard University, on educational policy; and Lawrence Mead of New York University, on welfare policy. Attending Princeton faculty members will include Politics scholars Ken I. Kersch, Robert P. George, and John B. Londregan.

The conference will open tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. with a session on Neoconservatism and the American Commonwealth. Prof. Ceaser will present The Constitutional Idea to respondents William Kristol of The Weekly Standard and Adam Wolfson, former editor of The Public Interest. Neoconservatives and the Courts will be the focus of commentary by Prof. Kersch, with Prof. George moderating.

Social Policy and Urban Policy will be the topic of the next session, at 5:15 p.m. Thursday. Prof. Mead will discuss welfare policy, to be followed by Prof. Dilulio speaking on crime and urban policy, and Ramesh Ponnuru '95, of National Review, speaking on social policy and old age. Adam Wolfson will be the moderator for this panel.

The conference will resume Friday morning, December 1 at 9:15 a.m. with a discussion on The Character of American Capitalism. Presenters will be Michael Novak, American Enterprise Institute, speaking on capitalism and culture; Irwin M. Stelzer, The Hudson Institute, on the modern corporation, and Murray L. Weidenbaum, Washington University, on economic policy. Princeton Prof. Londregan will moderate.

At 11:15 a.m. the focus will turn to education, with discussion and comments on the topics of primary and secondary schools by Joseph P. Viteritti, Hunter College, CUNY; the university, by Prof. Mansfield; and multiculturalism and affirmative action by William B. Allen of Michigan State University. Prof. George will moderate.

Manners, Morals, and Modern America will take center stage at 2:15 p.m. Friday, with presentations by Kay S. Hymowitz, Manhattan Institute, on marriage, children, and family; Diana J. Schaub, Loyola College, on bioethics; and Wilfred M. McClay, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, on religion and American politics. This panel will be moderated by Eric Cohen of the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

William J. Bennett, author; William A. Galston, The Brookings Institution; and Prof. Glazer will offer reflections on the proceedings in the concluding roundtable discussion at 4 p.m. Friday, with William Kristol acting as moderator.

For more information, call (609) 258-5107 or visit www.princeton.edu/sites/jmadison.

Votes Are In for Teen Favorites

A recent program by the Youth Services department at the Princeton Public Library encouraged teenage readers to "Read to Vote" during the run up to local elections. School students were asked to cast votes for their favorite book, band or performing artist, song, movie, television show, and their favorite place to hang out in Princeton. Almost 80 kids took part and we include the complete listing here for the enlightenment of all those in the Princeton community who are parenting teens. For more information about teen programs at the library, visit: www.princeton.lib.nj.us/teens/.

—Linda Arntzenius

Favorite Books:

#1: Harry Potter Books
All the King's Men
Angels ond Demons
The Catcher in the Rye
Dork is Rising series
Dune series
Fohrenheit 451
Good Night Moon
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
The Secret Life of Bees
To Kill o Mockingbird

Favorite Band or Performing Artists:

The following received multiple votes:
All American Rejects
Boys Like Girls
Cloud 9
Green Day
Jimi Hendrix
Red Hot Chilli Peppers
Smoosh

Favorite Movie:

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Good Will Hunting
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Little Miss Sunshine
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Old School
The Sixth Sense
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Titanic
Zoolander

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Scrubs
Seinfeld
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Favorite Princeton Hangout:

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MAILBOX

Skateboarding Event Drew Supporters Of Planned Skatepark at Hilltop Park

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Princeton Parks Alliance, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the November 18 Skate Jam Princeton that the Alliance sponsored with the Princeton Recreation Department. More than 100 people came out on a chilly, overcast day, and over 80 of them were kids with their skateboards. Everyone enjoyed the exciting skateboarding demonstration hy the skate pros from Woodward Camps, and many of the kids got a chance to give Woodward's skating surfaces a try themselves. There was music, food, free prizes, and fun — overall a great afternoon.

Clearly, the enthusiastic participation of so many of our community's kids in the Skate Jam demonstrated the real need for the skatepark at Hilltop Park. The Skate Jam also allowed us to identify kids whose help will be crucial as we enter the design phase of the project. Additionally, the Skate Jam raised nearly $1,500 for the skatepark, money that will supplement a $141,000 grant recently awarded by Mercer County through the efforts of County Executive Brian Hughes. With these funds added to $125,000 already committed by Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, we can truly say the skatepark at Hilltop Park is on a roll.

So many people had a hand in the success of this event, and I would like to acknowledge them all. Thomas Sweets Ice Cream and Small World Coffee generously provided food and beverages. Many of the kids received free prizes courtesy of Xtreme Funktion skate shop of Hamilton Township, and terrific live music was provided by local jam hand EarWax. And our special thanks go to the talented skaters of Woodward Camps, who came all the way from Pennsylvania to stage the "main event."

Jack Roberts, Katie Herlihy, and Ben Stentz of the Princeton Recreation Department were instrumental in so many ways in ensuring the success of the Skate Jam, as were local residents Kevin Wilkes, Peter Morgan, Liza Peck, Janet O'Brien, and Tricia Rosenthal. Finally, my heartfelt thanks to the trustees of the Princeton Parks Alliance for all of their hard work and dedication: Peggy Karcher, Polly Burlingham, Craig Provorny, Anne O'Neill, Pam Hersh, and Eric Tazelaar.

ANDREW KOONTZ
President, Princeton Parks Alliance

Crafters' Marketplace Patrons Thanked For Supporting YWCA Scholarship Fund

To the Editor:

On behalf of the YWCA Princeton, we want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of Crafters' Marketplace 2006 held recently at John Witherspoon Middle School.

Our Patrons' Preview Party on November 16 was an overwhelming success, thanks to the generosity of Bobby Trigg of The Ferry House and Miele, plus the Blue Point Grill, Brothers Moon, Chambers Walk, Cherry Valley Country Club, Cranbury Inn, H Home Appliance Center, Hopewell Valley Bistro and Inn, Lahiere's Restaurant, Lawrenceville Inn, McCaffrey's, McCarter Theatre, Mediterra, PNC, Rats, Tre Piani, The Underground Café, and Witherspoon Grill.

We also want to thank our many dedicated, hard-working volunteers; the staff at John Witherspoon who were so helpful and accommodating; and the hundreds of individuals who came through the doors to shop and support this event.

Proceeds from Crafters' Marketplace help the YWCA Princeton and its Pearl Bates Scholarship Fund. For 33 years this fund has helped make the programs and activities of the YWCA accessible to all children and adults who wish to participate but need financial assistance.

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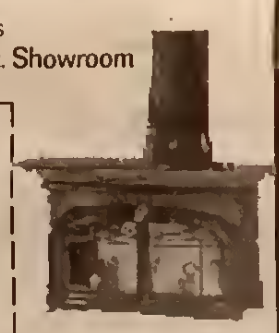

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WORRY: THE WHAT IFs

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QUESTION: *I worry all the time. My wife says I have a bad case of the "what ifs." I'm tired of being paralyzed by my own anxiety. Can you help me?*

ANSWER: Worry is a disease of the imagination. To control it, you try to prepare for all the "what ifs", but as you have discovered, you can "what if" yourself to death, squeezing all the pleasure and challenge out of the moment by pessimistically imagining what could go wrong instead of optimistically hoping it will go right.

Not all worry is bad. If you did not worry about passing a test in school, finishing projects on time at work, or getting gas before a trip or groceries before a snowstorm, you would end up in trouble. But, while good worry leads to constructive action, bad worry leads to paralysis. So, here are some ways to increase your power so as to decrease your worrying.

1. **TALK:** Shares your concerns with someone you trust. Instead of worrying alone which only leads to your imagination spiraling out of control, talk to someone who can serve as a safety check, helping bring you back to earth when you are "making a mountain out of a molehill".

2. **THINK:** Instead of wallowing in what could go wrong, think of what you could do to solve the problem. While I realize that your mind will search for the perfect solution, accept the fact that there isn't one!

3. **ACT:** Armed with a plan, put it into action. Worried about your health, get a physical. Worried about work, tell your wife that you will be home a little later and get a head start on the project.

4. **THERAPY:** The above sounds simple, but my guess is that you will need more help in the form of counseling.

a. **WHY:** First, this will show you the roots of your worrying. Perhaps you had overcritical parents who made you worry that love was conditional upon good grades. Perhaps one of your parents imbued you with their own negative thinking: "Hope for the best, but expect the worst." So, to cope, you have picked up the gauntlet of being a perfectionist, who obsessively plans to avoid harm only to find yourself mired in a maze of negative and cynical thinking.

b. **HOW:** Secondly, you can explore how you think, exposing those automatic, knee-jerk patterns of thinking that cascade you downwards to a day of gloom and doom. Gradually, you will learn how to extract the negative, unrealistic thought and replace it with a more positive and realistic one.

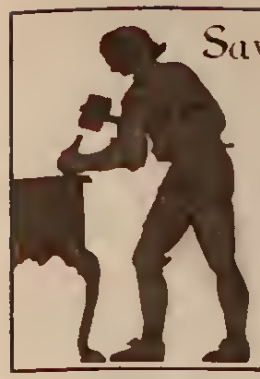
1. **MEDICATION:** Here is a two-edged sword. While medications like Valium or Xanax can get you over the hump when very upset, they are addictive, and you must not overly rely upon them. As many worriers are also depressed, the drug Paxil is a safer alternative in treating depression and stress without getting you hooked.

2. **PRAYER:** A relationship with God can bathe you in unconditional love, and help you see the forest for the trees, the big picture helping you worry less about the little picture.

3. **SELF-CARE:** If you are pooped, you will be more prone to worry. So, get enough sleep, eat well, and exercise.

4. **DISTRACTION:** While the above sounds great, you will still worry. So, when those thoughts inevitably invade your mind, distract yourself from worrying by getting up, watching TV, eating a snack, taking a walk, listening to the radio, or anything that will momentarily help you stop yourself in your tracks rather then let you sink into a web of "what ifs."

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. *If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.*



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"Roundabouts" for Route 206 Defended As Promising Option for Calming Traffic

To the Editor:

This is to respond to Mr. Goldblatt's letter (Town Topics, November 22), "Roundabouts — why turn back the clock?"

These are not the "old circles" he refers to. It should be clear that they are smaller, entirely visible, and consistent rather than haphazard in right-of-way rules. For a nearby example, check out the one at Faculty Road and Elm Drive at the lower end of the University campus. Aside from long history in British Commonwealth countries, they are working well in challenging traffic situations across the U.S., with demonstrated major reductions in hazards and accidents to both vehicles and pedestrians.

This is not to say that roundabouts are a cure-all for every intersection, but they are a promising option for Route 206 flowing through our residential neighborhoods, within a comprehensive plan to calm traffic and improve safety.

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Many in Princeton Community Donate Time, Talent as Charitable Volunteers

To the Editor:

Voluntarism is alive and well in Mercer County.

Voluntarism falls under the realm of social capital, which emphasizes not just warm and cuddly feelings, but a wide variety of specific benefits that flow from the trust, reciprocity, information, and cooperation associated with social networks. Social capital creates value for the people who are connected.

One example of a project with volunteers who share their time and talent is Princeton Community Works. Meet Lorin Maurer, The Junior League of Greater Princeton; Mimi Omieciski, Princeton Art Museum; Dave Saltzman, CASA of Mercer County, Princeton Senior Resource Center, and Jewish Family and Children's Service; Bev Asselstine, Cub Scout Pack 53 and Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic; Jeaninne Honstein, Princeton Alcohol & Drug Alliance and Princeton Recreation; Penny Stone, Princeton High School PTO; Debbie Watson, Child Care Connection and Princeton Regional Scholarship Foundation; Robin McGovern, Lawrence Township Community Foundation; Kim Hendler, Princeton Project 55; and Marge Smith, founder and chair of Community Works, Hands On Helpers.

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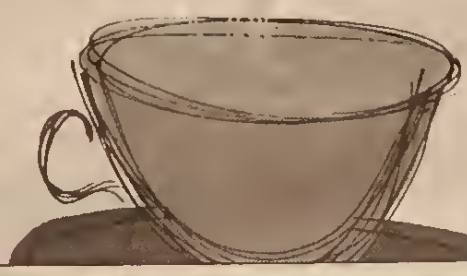

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BOOKS

Poet Nikki Giovanni Appearing at Rider

Poet, essayist, activist, and educator Nikki Giovanni will read from her writings Friday, December 8, as part of the Rider University EOP Distinguished Writers Series.

Ms. Giovanni will appear at 7 p.m. in the Bart Luedeke Center Theater. The program is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow in the BLC Lobby.

When Ms. Giovanni's poems first emerged during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, she immediately took a place among the most celebrated and influential poets of the era. The connections between literature and politics would continue to absorb her attention for decades to come. Her poetry is noted for its call of urgency for African Americans to realize their identities and understand their surroundings as part of mainstream culture.

In her collection of poetry, *Black Feeling, Black Talk, Black Judgment*, she captures the militant attitude of the African American movements of the time, both in art and politics. In other works, she focuses on her family and personal relationships. She has written more than two dozen books, including volumes of poetry, illustrated children's books, and three collections of essays.

Among her other works are *Ego-Tripping* (1973), *Vacation Time* (1980), *Those Who Ride the Night Winds* (1983), *Love Poems* (1997), and *Quilting the Black-Eyed Peo: Poems and Not Quite Poems* (2002). Her children's picture book, *Rosa* (2005), about the day Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of the bus, won Caldecott Honors and the Coretta Scott King Award for illustrations.

Early in her career, Ms. Giovanni was dubbed the "Princess of Black Poetry," and most recently, was recognized as one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 "Living Legends." She is the recipient of the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry and has been named Woman of the Year by Mademoiselle, Ladies' Home Journal, and Essence magazines.

Since 1987, she has been a University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech, where she teaches writing and literature. A lung cancer survivor, she contributed an introduction to the book, *Breaking the Silence: Inspirational Stories of Black Cancer Survivors* (2005).

Nobel Laureate Dyson To Appear at U-Store

Nobel Prize-winning physicist Freeman J. Dyson will be at the Princeton University Store on Monday, December 11 at 7 p.m.to discuss his new book, out this month, *The Scientist As Rebel* (New York Review of Books, $27.95), which argues that science is characterized by its rebellion against the restrictions of local cultures, and that, like art and poetry, it resists authority. The scientist is thus by nature a rebel, loyal not to social demands but only to reason and the imagination. Mr. Dyson believes that the best way to understand science is by understanding those who practice it.

The Scientist As Rebel recounts episodes from the history of science, interspersed with reminiscences from the author's own life and career. The topics fall into four groups. The first takes up contemporary science, wherever it practiced, from cosmology to nanotechnology to global warming. The second group deals with questions of war and peace, particularly questions of nuclear weapons and disarmament. The third group is concerned with the history of science, especially physics, with essays ranging from Isaac Newton, to Sir Ernst Rutherford and the discovery of the structure of the atom, to Einstein and Raymond Poincar, to Norbert Wiener, Richard Feynmann, and string theory. The final section contains more personal and philosophical essays, dealing with such questions as the differences between science and religion, and the relation between science and paranormal phenomena, which he suggests may actually exist yet be inaccessible to scientific verification.

Freeman Dyson is a professor emeritus of physics at the Institute for Advanced Study. He will appear in the U-Store's 3rd floor events area; the store is located at 36 University Place. Free parking is available directly across the street. For more information,visit www.pustore.com.

Wilson School Presents Legacy Project Founder

Andrew Carroll, founder and director of the Legacy Project and editor of *War Letters: Correspondence from Americon Wars*, will present a public lecture at the Woodrow Wilson School entitled "Behind the Lines: Letters Home" at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, in Bowl 016, Robertson Hall on the Princeton University Campus.

Founded by Mr. Carroll in November 1998, the Legacy Project is a national, all-volunteer effort that encourages Americans to honor those who previously served or are currently serving in the armed forces by seeking out and preserving war-time correspondence.

Wor Letters features approximately 200 previously unpublished letters from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, and Bosnia. Mr. Carroll is also editor of the New York Times best sellers, *Letters of o Nation* and *In Our Own Words*.

His most recent book, *Operotion Homecoming: Iroq, Afghonistan, and the Home Front in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Fomilies*, is a compllation of short stories, letters, poems, and journal entries written by U.S. military personnel based in Afghanistan and Iraq, and their families.

Mr. Carroll is responsible for bringing back the "Armed Services Editions," which were pocket-sized editions of national best sellers and literary classics given to U.S. troops stationed abroad during World War II.

Mr. Carroll is also the cofounder, with the late Nobel laureate Joseph Brodsky, of the American Poetry & Literacy Project, a nonprofit organization that distributes free books of poetry throughout the country to support literacy.

Co-sponsored with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Woodrow Wilson Political Network, the event is free and open to the public.

It's Winter in Narnia At Cotsen on Dec. 9

Cotsen Children's Library Youth Stages will present "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" on Saturday, December 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Winter may have come to Princeton, but it's always winter in Narnia. In this whimsical adaptation of the classic tale, all the roles are played by Youth Stages... with some audience participation. Simple costumes and set will allow young people ages five and up to create Narnia and exercise their imaginations in a tale of good, evil, friendship, and courage!

No registration is required and there will be no fee.

Cotsen Children's Library is located on the first floor of Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus.

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Cover-up: French Gender Equality and the Islamic Headscarf

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The lecture will be followed by a reception in the Fuld Hall Common Raom.

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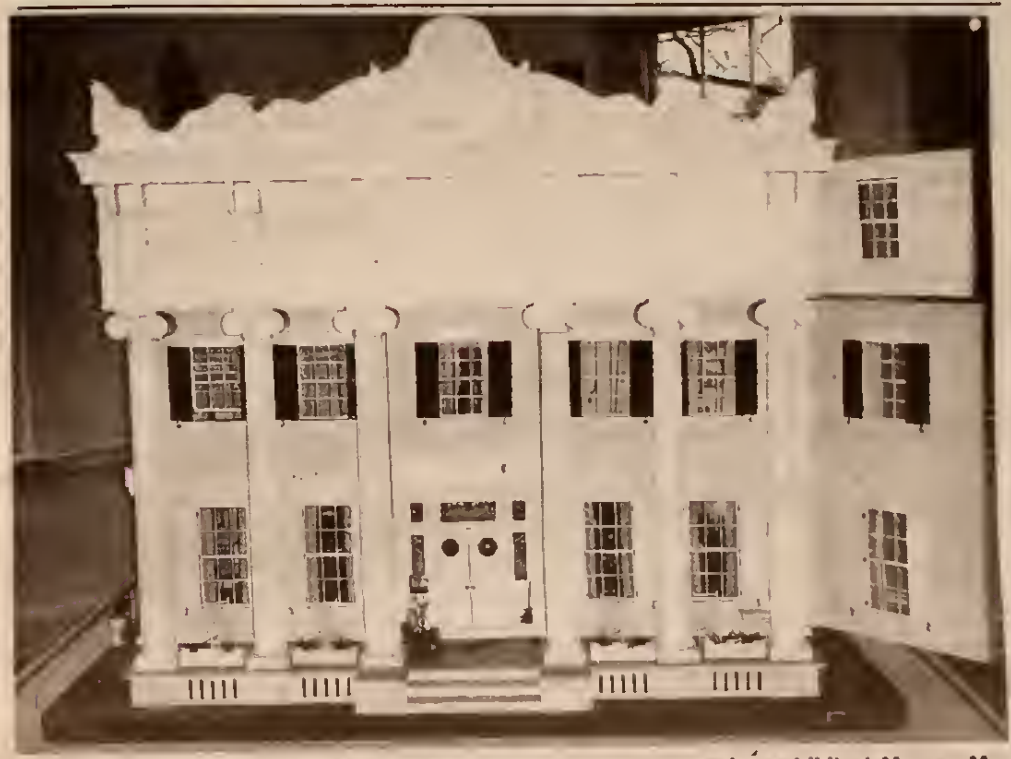
THE LARGE HOUSE IN REALITY: This is the Large House located at 119 Main in Flemington as it looked on a long-ago snowy day. A miniature model of the house will be showcased at Morven Museum & Garden in the exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature," which opens on December 6. The exhibit will remain on view through March 30, 2007.



"THE LARGE HOUSE IN MINIATURE": The centerpiece of the upcoming exhibit at Morven Museum & Garden is a miniature model, or dollhouse, of the historic Large House in Flemington. It will be decorated for the holidays through January 7. The exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature," opens on December 6 and will remain on view through March 30, 2007.

ART

"The Large House in Miniature" Showcased at Morven Museum

Morven Museum & Garden will showcase New Jersey architecture with the exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature," which opens on December 6. The exhibit will be decorated for the holidays through January 7 and will remain on view through March 30, 2007. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a miniature model, or dollhouse, of the architecturally significant, historic Large House located at 119 Main in Flemington.

Built to scale at one inch to the foot, the dollhouse is an authentic replica of this high-style Greek Revival building designed and built in 1847 by Mahlon Fisher, whose other Greek Revival structures and designs can still be seen today in the Flemington Historic District. Named for Senator George H. Large, who purchased the home in 1900, the Large House served as the family residence for several generations. The senator's granddaughter, Jo Talbott, lived in the house as a child in the 1930s and meticulously recreated the mansion and its contents over a 20-year period. Many of the more than 1,000 objects in the dollhouse's 20 rooms are exact scale reproductions of the Large family's belongings. The level of detail goes from clothing, shoes and hats that fill bureau drawers and closets, to framed, family photographs and addressed letters on chests and tables.

Ms. Talbott was a skilled draftsman and amateur architect. Determined to be accurate, she took extensive photographs and measurements for scale drawings and drew the blueprints used to construct the replica. She commissioned John Kubish, a registered artisan of the International Guild of Miniature Artisans, and his wife Lynda, to undertake the task. The entire house was created in cardboard first to resolve how access to each room would be provided; removable walls were used for interior space. Goliath Miniatures then made sample doors and windows for Ms. Talbott's approval.

When the actual construction was completed, the house measured 5 feet by 5 feet at its base and approximately 40 inches in height and consisted of 20 rooms on 4 floors, with each part functioning like a real house. The shutters are hinged and have holdbacks; siding was applied strip by strip; and electricity runs throughout. The wood floors were constructed from individual strips of wood, which were cut, sanded, stained, varnished, and waxed. Four of the bathrooms have removable walls and the back wall of both the girls' bath and the guest bath can be removed to allow access to the hallways behind. In the housekeeper's room and the boy's room, the back walls are removable to allow access to the large closets behind, which are fully stocked with clothing and luggage.

Artisans represented in the exhibit include Harold DeLong, Roger Guthell, Chestnut Hills Studios, and Gothic Miniatures. The dollhouse was transported from its home in the midwest and installed at Morven by its builder, Goliath Miniatures.

Exhibition Schedule

Although set to run through March 30, "The Large House in Miniature" will feature Christmas decorations through January 7 during Morven Museum & Garden's "Festival of Trees." Regular hours are Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Group tours of 10 or more can be arranged any day by advance reservation.

The admission fee of $5 includes free on site parking. Morven Museum & Garden is located at 55 Stockton Street in Princeton. Visitor information can be obtained by calling (609) 924-8144 or visiting www.morven.org.

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FLATIRON BUILDING: The late Fred Stein's photograph ot a New York City landmark can be seen In Rlverrun Gallery's new show, "Urbanlty," which also teatures the work ot photographer Jetfrey Apolan. Set to run trom December 9 through January 15, 2007, the exhlbit will be launched with a reception on Saturday, December 9, trom 6 to 9 p.m.

Riverrun Gallery Presents Urban Photography Show

Riverrun Gallery's new show, "Urbanity," features the work of photographers Jeffrey Apolan and the late Fred Stein. The exhibit will run from December 9 through January 15, 2007. There will be a reception on Saturday, December 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

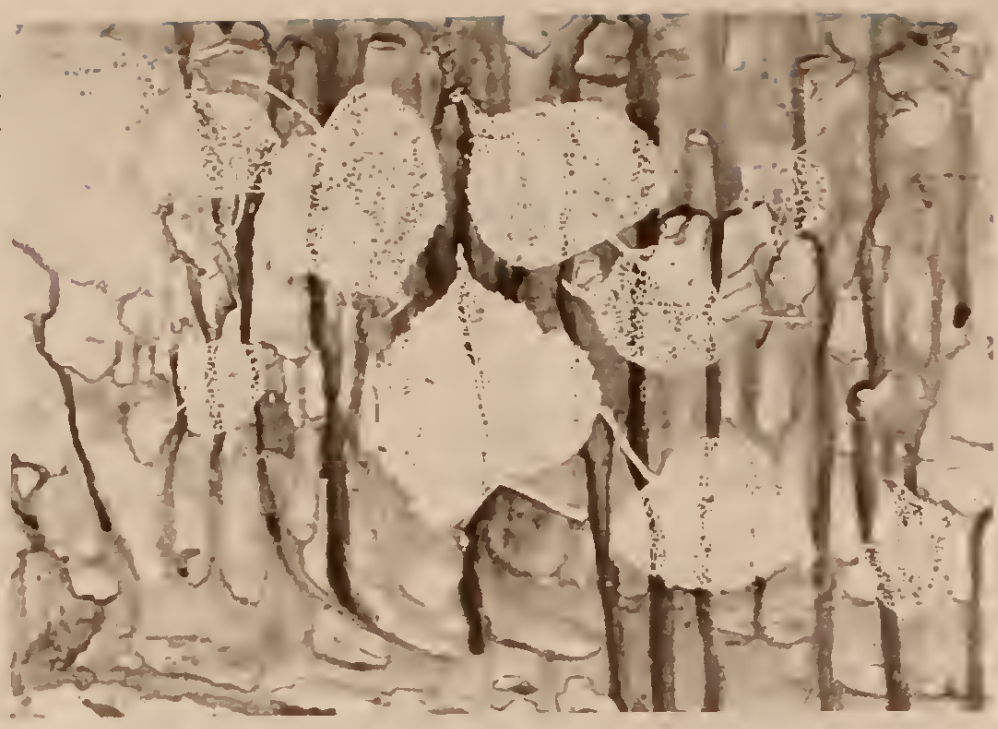
Conceived as two black and white essays, the show aims to reinvigorate *flaneurism* as a contemporary urban aspect. "Flaneur" is a French word used by modernists to describe a detached pedestrian observer of city streets. Both Apolan's and Stein's photographs depict urban landscapes of American and European cities, and, even though the artists belong to different generations, they share a visual vocabulary and a fascination with architectural structures.

Lambertville resident Jeffrey Apolan works out of his studio in Soho. He discovered photography as a ten-year-old boy and has pursued it ever since. He considers the cityscape as his playground, reducing urban architecture to its essence while escaping the trap of academic formalism. The ephemeral, the unseen, and the under-recognized are his obsession.

Fred Stein's work deals primarily with remembrance. Having fled Nazi Germany first to Paris (1933) and then to New York (1941), he developed a deeply humanistic interest in his redefined urban context. The prints exhibited at Riverrun Gallery carry the weight of the political uncertainty of the 1930s and 1940s.

Both photographers are social observers who prefer natural or minimal lighting and avoid elaborate set-ups as well as dramatic effects. "In photographing an urban landscape, form, perspective, and tone are needed to make a photo interesting. It really means interpreting the very same ingredients that have been implemented by architects and designers," Mr. Apolan said.

A percentage of the proceeds from the sale of Jeffrey Apolan's photographs will be donated to FACT of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. FACT (Fighting Aids Continuously Together) is a non-profit organization that raises funds to assist individuals living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact Riverrun Gallery at (609) 397-3349.



"ART LEAF SKELETONS": This watercolor painting by Princeton resident Ruth Kautman will be on display In the Watercolor Associates Exhibit at Orpha's Cottee Shop (1330 Route 206 in Skillman near the intersection ot Route 518) during the month ot December, along with the work ot tour other New Jersey artists: Mary Martinez, also ot Princeton; Joseph Loeffler ot Hillsborough; Tracey Femiano ot Medford; and Rita Brown ot Metuchen. All five artists are associate members ot the Garden State Watercolor Society. The exhibition's opening reception will take place Saturday, December 2, trom 1 to 2 p.m.

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HORSE: This sculpture by Charles McCollough is part of a Holiday Show and Sale of pottery and sculpture by local artists to be held at the Hopewell Train Station (1 Railroad Place) from Friday December 1 to Sunday December 3. There will be an Opening Reception by the artists from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday.

Holiday Art Show and Sale At Hopewell Train Station

A Holiday Show and Sale of pottery and sculpture by local artists will be held at the Hopewell Train Station (1 Railroad Place) from Friday December 1 to Sunday December 3. There will be an Opening Reception by the artists from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday.

Show hours are: Friday, from 3 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Featured sculptor Charles McCollough recently left a full-time job as an educator/activist in Washington, D.C. to sculpt full time in his barn studio in Hopewell. He focuses on human and animal figures, especially horses, modeling and carving clay, bronze, and wood. The author of six books, his latest being *Foith Mode Visible*, he frequently gives slide lectures on his pieces.

A professional potter and sculptor for 27 years, Ursula Kaplowitz owns The Clay Garden, a private pottery studio in Hopewell Borough. Her work has been shown and sold widely and reflects love, dedication, attention to detail, and craftsmanship. She creates a wide variety of functional and decorative pottery from stoneware clay and porcelain, as well as figurative and abstract clay sculptures. She also teaches pottery to children and adults in her own studio and at two area private schools.

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POETRY FOR A PAVER: Poet Paul Muldoon and Arts Council Executive Director Jeff Nathanson (L) with a sample architectural paver like the one that will be engraved with a poem composed by Mr. Muldoon as an artistic centerpiece for the new building's outdoor public gathering space; shown above it is a rendering of Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, which is set to open to the public in September 2007. Members of the community can participate in the project by making a contribution to the Arts Council's Capital Campaign and reserving one of the pavers in the courtyard for their own commemorative message.

Muldoon Writing Poem For New Arts Center

Poet Paul Muldoon will write a new poem in honor of the opening of the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts in downtown Princeton. The new Center is scheduled to open to the public in September 2007. The poem, which will be engraved on an architectural stone paver in the courtyard of the new Michael Graves' designed arts center, will serve as an artistic centerpiece for the center's outdoor public gathering space. The courtyard, made up of over 150 pavers (measuring 24" x 24" each), will be located on the Witherspoon Street side of the building.

The public is invited to participate in the project by making a contribution to the Arts Council's Capital Campaign and reserving one of the pavers in the courtyard for their own commemorative message to be placed along with the poem by Mr. Muldoon, who has a long history with the Arts Council of Princeton, having read numerous times for Arts Council events over the years. He spoke enthusiastically about the important role the Arts Council has played in providing students a venue for readings and performances.

Paul Muldoon, who lives in Princeton with his wife, novelist Jean Hanff Korelitz, and two children, is Howard G. B. Clark '21 Professor at Princeton University and Chair of the Princeton University Center for the Creative and Performing Arts. He recently published his tenth collection, *Horse Lotitudes*. In addition, he performs and records original rock music with his band Rackett, which recently released its first full-length CD.

Pavers in the Arts Center courtyard may be reserved by calling the Arts Council of Princeton at (609) 924-8777. There are a limited number of pavers available and they are reserved on a first come first served basis. Reservations must be received no later than January 10, 2007. Pavers may be reserved for a pledge of $1,000 and easy payment terms are available. All contributions for pavers and the Arts Council Capital Campaign are fully tax deductible. For more information call Robyn Raskin at (609) 924-8777 x 102 or email to rraskin@artscouncilofprinceton.org.

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The Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library will be presenting "Hucksters, Beggars and Rebels," the recent work of Lionel Goodman, throughout the month of December. Eighteen of the artist's favorite personae, printed in both black and white and color, will be on display. An art chat is scheduled for December 10 at 3 p.m.

A professor emeritus of Physical Chemistry at Rutgers University and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellow (for his work in laser spectroscopy), Mr. Goodman developed an interest in photography three years ago when his artist wife gave him a digital camera. Not long after, he began participating in juried shows; his photographs are presently in the Salmagundi Club in New York City and "The Moments of Life" exhibition at the Stepping Stone Gallery in Huntington, N.Y.

Since the artist enjoys catching people without intruding, many of the photographs are taken with a zoom lens, which permits him to probe the relationship between the subject and his/her environment. In commenting on his art, Mr. Goodman mentioned the photographs of Henri Bresson, pointing out that some of the photographs in the current exhibit are spontaneous in the Bresson tradition, and thus might be imperfectly focused or hastily composed. "I trust my instincts over twiddling with dials," he said.

The Gallery is located in the Municipal Complex at 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, and is open Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions call (609) 275-2897; or click www.lmxac.org/plainsboro.

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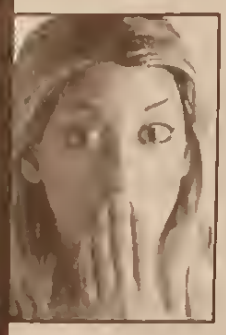

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The Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting "NOW is what IS," an exhibit featuring Taylor Oughton and Stacie Speer Scott that will run through December 10. Located at 32 Coryell Street, the gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment.

Art Station Studios at 148 Monmouth Street in Hightstown is having a fall Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,with a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sixteen artists will be exhibiting their work.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting "Missing Dog": A Photographic Celebration of Our Community Kiosks by Walter Frank, which will be on display in the Reading Room through December 22. "Sauce for the Goose," the annual holiday arts and crafts sale, will be held from November 30 through December 22.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, is currently presenting "Two Points of View," a special exhibit featuring oil painters Lisa Mahan and Colette Sexton, which will run through January 14, 2007.

The Gallery at Chapin is hosting "Town and Country," the watercolors of Charles McVicker, through December 15. The gallery is open by appointment during school hours; call (609) 924-7206.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is hosting "Channel Traces," an exhibit of artwork by Jean Burdick and Cathy Watkins, through December 20. There will be a reception on Wednesday, November 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A Gallery Talk is planned for Monday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

The Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library will be presenting "Hucksters, Beggars and Rebels," the recent work of Lionel Goodman, throughout the month of December.

Gallery 125 is presenting "Small Works," a 26-artist exhibit that will run through December 16.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, in Hopewell, is presenting an exhibit of photography by Jay Goodkind and Karl Heinz Gartlgruber, on view through December 24.

The Gruss Center of the Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School is presenting "Myself, My Camera, My World," a photography exhibit featuring the work of homeless and in-transition children from the 2006 Ennis Beley Project. The exhibit will run through December 12. Larry McKim's "Aerial Views" will also run through December 12, at the Marguerite & James Hutchins Gallery. On view in the Hutchins Rotunda through December 15, "Eyes On Me: Portraits of Muslim Women" will open with a reception on Friday, December 1 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Hopewell Frame Shop & Gallery will be exhibiting work by Susan Winter, Beatrice Bork and Gail Bracegirdle through December 23.

Howard Gallery of Fine Art & Framing in New Hope, Pa. is exhibiting "Enter the Landscape," new work by Dot Bunn, through November 30. The annual group artist exhibit will run the entire month of December, with a gourmet coffee sampling added to the holiday festivities at the open reception on December 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is observing World AIDS Day on December 1 by displaying the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be on view in the lobby until December 16. "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross" will run through March 4, 2007, and "Duane Hanson: Real Life," will be on view through January 14. "Constructions: Photographs by Michael Becotte" will run through March 18, and an outdoor sculpture installation by Christoph Spath will be on view through February 25. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800. "Form Radiating Life: The Paintings of Charles Rosen" will be on view in the **Carol & Louis Della Penna Gallery at the Michener Museum** at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope through January 28.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "Toulouse-Lautrec and the French Imprint: Fin-de-siècle Posters in Paris, Brussels, and Barcelona," which will be on view in the museum's Voorhees Special Exhibition Galleries through February 18, 2007. Other exhibits are "Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Soviet Nonconformist Artists, 1960s-80s" in the DuBrow Gallery through March 25, 2007, and in the Russian Special Exhibition Gallery: "Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Russian Artists, 1910s-30s." The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center at 435 Nassau Street is presenting "The Nature of Existence: Photographs by Maria Reim and Gil Gordon," through January 7. There will be a reception for the artists from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will be hosting an invitational art exhibition, "Science as Muse: Eight Artistic Riffs on Science and Technology," through February 4, 2007 at its gallery at the 1860 House in Skillman, New Jersey.

Morven Museum & Garden will showcase New Jersey architecture with the exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature," which opens on December 6. The exhibit will be decorated for the holidays through January 7 and will remain on view through March 30, 2007

The Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street is presenting a solo exhibition by Gordon Haas titled "Our Local Area" through January 7. An opening-night artist's reception will be held on Wednesday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Princeton Day School is hosting an outdoor exhibit featuring metal, wood, stone and concrete sculptures on the PDS campus through June 2007.

Princeton Senior Resource Center and the Williams Gallery have extended the exhibition, "Japanese Printmaking Today: A New Perspective," through Friday, December 8. A portion of the proceeds will go to PSRC.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Pietro da Cortona's Saint Martina Refuses to Adore the Idols: A Painting in Context" & "Front & Center: Figure Drawings by Pietro da Cortona and His Contemporaries," through January 21, 2007. "Fin de Siècle" traces the evolution of Modernism from the 1880s to the 1940s and will be on view through January 14 in two side-by-side exhibitions featuring more than 50 works on paper from the collections of the museum and the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Firestone Library. "Japanese Views of East and West: Imprinting the Other in Meiji Eyes," an exhibition of color woodblock prints focusing on the country's perceptions of other cultures from the 1860s to the beginning of the twentieth century, will be on view through January 7.

Rider University's Gallery will host "Home-Street-City," an exhibit of cityscape paintings by New York artists John Dubrow and Mari Lyons through December 7.

The Silva Gallery of Art, at the Pennington School will present an exhibition featuring figure sculptures by Arts faculty member Dolores Eaton and photographs by senior Matthew Pandolfe. The exhibit will continue through December 14 with a closing gallery talk at noon.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park presenting an exhibit of work by Carmen Johnson and Susanne Pitak-Davis through January 7, 2007.

Westcott Studio at 141 Westcott Road in Princeton is presenting "A Celebration of Art and Architecture" featuring Bill Mathews, Carol Armstrong, Robert Canon, and Jonathan Shor, through December 29.

The 1719 William Trent House Museum on Market Street at William Trent Place in Trenton is hosting its 24th Annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is hosting a pastel art exhibit by Grace Previty Johnston through January 17, 2007. The exhibit may be viewed daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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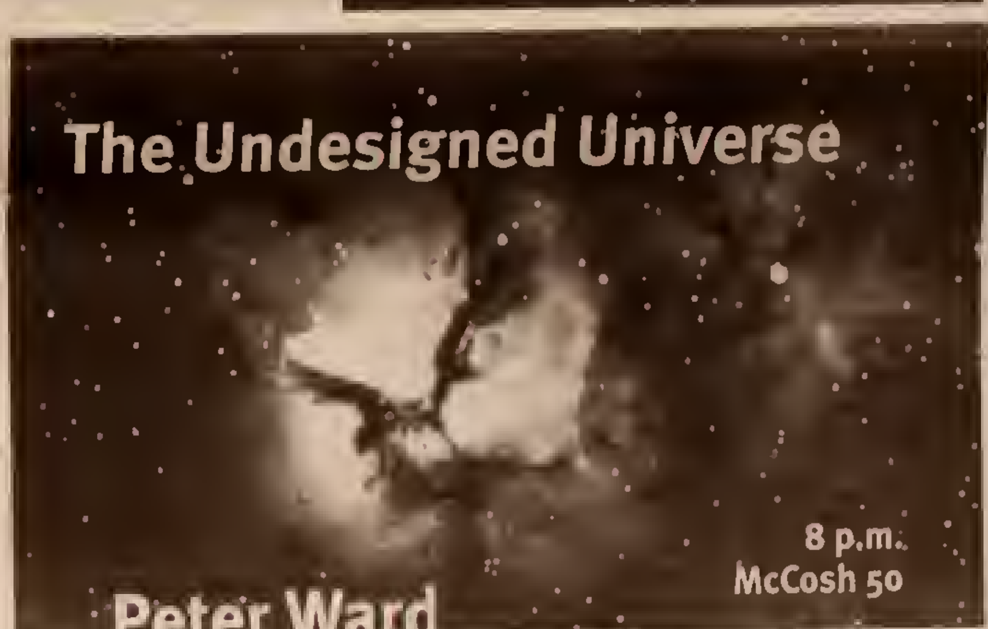

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Wednesday, November 29, 2006
"Designing a Habitable Solar System." This lecture will discuss the notion of a "habitable [illegible]" around any sun, [illegible] star [illegible] look [illegible], and how our solar [illegible] measures up.

Thursday, November 30, 2006
"The Construction of the Cosmos" begins with a brief history of the cosmos and a discussion of the threats to the existence of any galaxy. The notion of "bio-friendliness" and the optimization of life will be juxtaposed with the concept of a "galactic habitable zone," which suggests a finite age for life in the cosmos and thus a refutation of intelligent design.

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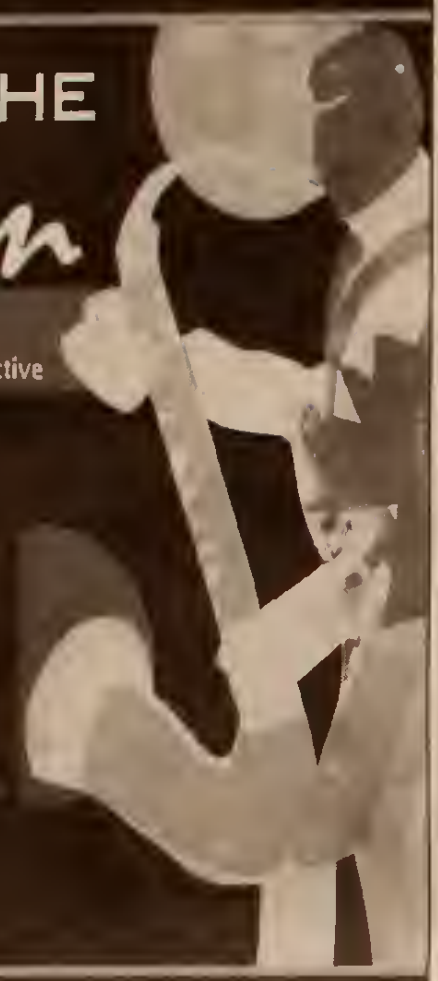

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MUSIC REVIEW

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Presents "Fire and Serenity" With Fine Young Soloist

On the day after Thanksgiving, people are often not in the mood for much more than leftovers and another football game. However for a number of years, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has been enticing people out of their post-tryptophan stupor to hear classical music on the Friday night after the holiday. Usually a time one might expect guest conductors and substitute principal players, the orchestra was lucky this past weekend to have its regular Music Director, Neeme Järvi, for this concert in Richardson Auditorium, presenting a program of Grieg, Bruch, and Beethoven. Subtitled "Fire and Serenity," the performance drew its serenity from Mr. Järvi's musical conciseness and thoroughly classical style, and its fire from the virtuosity of the winner of the ensemble's recent Young Artists competition.

The core of Friday night's program was Max Bruch's *Scottish Fantasy*, Opus 46, featuring sixteen-year-old violinist Betty Zhou, a pre-college student at the Juilliard School, winner of a number of prestigious national competitions and a featured soloist with several New Jersey ensembles.

Although surely considered a prodigy, Ms. Zhou did not try to take over the stage with her performance, but rather wove her playing into the orchestral fabric. Ms. Zhou took her time in the long introduction, with a very broad approach to the poignant melodies of the first movement "Morgenstemning" and sweet double stops in the more cantabile passages. Ms. Zhou seemed continually engaged with both the orchestra and the music, and was always ready for her next entrance.

Bruch composed this work primarily as a concerto for violin, but the harp played a secondary soloistic role, played Friday night by Lise Nadeau Harman. The harp worked very well with the violin solo, as did flutist Kathleen Nester, teaming with Ms. Zhou for some duet passages in the second movement "Allegro."

Mr. Järvi found the "serenity" of this concert in two works from the late Classical and Romantic eras. Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt* music began its life in 1876 as twelve movements accompanying a theatrical play, eventually expanding to twenty-three movements, and then reduced to two orchestral suites. *Peer Gynt Suite #1*, with some of Grieg's most familiar music, provided the orchestra with the opportunity to tell a real story through the four movements of the work. Throughout this piece, the orchestra demonstrated an ability to maneuver the quick tempi, with an especially rich sound from the lower strings in the second movement.

One would think that all of Beethoven's symphonies were warhorses of the symphonic stage, but through some audience research, the orchestra discovered that #4 and #8 were lesser heard than the others. The orchestra presented #4 on Friday night (#8 will be presented on the next Richardson concert), with an opening "Allegro" almost too fast to hold together, but which certainly kept the ensemble on its toes. Bassoonists Robert Wagner and Mark Timmerman worked especially hard in this movement and clarinetist Karl Herman provided some very nice solo passages.

Mr. Järvi's quick approach to tempi continued in the second movement "Adagio," and again Mr. Herman proved his solo abilities, particularly in the higher registers. Solo bassoons, flutes, and oboes marked the third movement "Menuetto," and the fourth movement "Allegro" was anything but routine symphonic playing, with the violinists racing across passages. Mr. Järvi treated the audience to a bit more Beethoven for an encore, with an excerpt from Beethoven's *Creotures from Prometheus*, Opus 43.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's next concert will be on Jonuary 5 ond will feoture violinist Jennifer Koh in o violin concerto by Tchoikovsky, as well as music by Beethoven ond John Adoms. Ticket information con be obtained by calling 1-800-ALLEGRO.

The New Jersey Symphony has a solid hold on the Princeton audience through its four-concert Richardson series, and the results of its Young Artists competition indicate that the organization is seeking out the finest in young talent in the state. The rest of the series, featuring two more outstanding soloists, promises to maintain the standard.

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University Orchestra To Present Premiere Of Work by Prokofiev

The Princeton University Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Pratt, will perform two concerts next weekend featuring the North American premiere of much of Sergei Prokofiev's incidental music for Alexander Pushkin's drama *Boris Godunov*. The speaker during the performance will be Caryl Emerson, Princeton's A. Watson Armour III Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

The concerts will be in Richardson Auditorium on Friday, December 8 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 9 at 8:30 p.m.

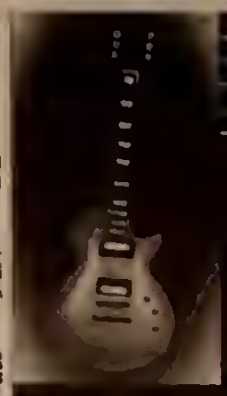
Prokofiev composed the music for a planned Soviet production of the play in 1936. The production was aborted upon the arrest for treason and subsequent execution of the director, Vsevolod Meyerhold, and for decades the music has rarely been performed. The North American premiere of the score will be followed in April 2007 by the world premiere production of the entire play with the music, at the Berlind Theater. "Thus, in December our audiences can hear a musical preview of this significant event," said Mr. Pratt.

The remainder of the University Orchestra program will be devoted to well-known 20th century works by Debussy, Copland, and Stravinsky. Geoff McDonald '07, the Orchestra's assistant conductor, will conduct *Nuages (Clouds)* and *Fetes (Festivols)* from Claude Debussy's *Nocturnes*. The Orchestra and Mr. Pratt will then perform one of Aaron Copland's most popular scores, *Four Dance Episodes* from *Rodeo*.

The program will conclude with the original version of the score to Igor Stravinsky's 1911 ballet *Petrushko*. The score "has a color palette that is subtle, rich, and complex," said Mr. Pratt. "This is one of Stravinsky's most beloved works."

Tickets for the concerts, priced at $18, $15 for seniors, and $5 for students, may be purchased at the Frist campus center box office, the Richardson Auditorium box office, or online at www.princeton.edu/richaud.

BOYCHOIR VISITS PJS: On November 2, the Princeton Junior School hosted a visit by the Princeton-based American Boychoir School. Under the direction of Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Litton-Lodal Musical Director for American Boychoir, the Boychoir performed several musical selections for the entire school. The Junior School Choir also performed two musical numbers. Music is a central theme in the curriculum of both schools.



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Tickets are $10 for general admission or $5 for students, faculty, alumni, seniors, and youth, and are available at the door or online at www.tcnj.tix.com.

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The College of New Jersey is located at 2000 Pennington Road (Route 31) in Ewing.

Jazz and Swing Concert At Michener Art Museum

The winter jazz concert at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa., this Saturday, December 2 at 8 p.m., will feature pianist Derf Nolde and the Keystone Jazz Group, featuring Joe and Paul Midiri. The program will be a night of jazz and Goodman-style swing.

The Pennsylvania Jazz Society has written of Mr. Nolde that he is a "pianist par excellence." He holds a master's degree from Manhattan School of Music and served on the faculty at Rutgers University before becoming a full-time jazz musician in the Philadelphia area. He has performed with Warren Vache Jr., Bucky Pizzarelli, Urbie Green, and Kenny Daverne, among others.

Tickets are $34 for museum members and $40 for non-members, with reserved tables for 4 or 6 available at $42 for members and $48 for non-members. Ticket prices include museum admission as well as an hors d'oeuvres reception from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

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The experience will include a conducting lesson with Princeton Pro Musica conductor Frances Fowler Slade, participation in two rehearsals, and the performance.

Proceeds of the auction are tax deductible. Bidders will find the auction by using the search words "Conduct Messiah" on eBay's website.

Princeton Pro Musica's performances of Handel's *Messioh* will take place on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. at Richardson. The December 15 concert will also include a pre-concert lecture by Mark Miller at 7 p.m.

Soloists for this year's concerts will be Julianne Baird, soprano; Marietta Simpson, mezzo-soprano; William Hite, tenor, and Matthew Burns, bass-baritone. Ms. Slade, PPM founder, will conduct the chorus, orchestra, and soloists.

Ms. Baird, who has been called "one of the most extraordinary voices in the service of early music that this generation has produced" by James R. Oestrich in the New York Times, has been featured with all of the major early music groups in the country, including the Waverly Consort and Concert Royale. She has been a soloist with the New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, and Cleveland Orchestra. Her 100 recordings include a solo CD, *Glorious Hondel*.

Ms. Simpson performed frequently with the late Robert Shaw, with whom she made her Carnegie Hall debut. She is the mezzo-soprano soloist on the PBS national telecasts of the *Messioh* with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony.

Mr. Hite has made numerous appearances with the Boston Early Music Festival, garnering praise from The Wall Street Journal and the Boston Globe. His engagements have included the Handel and Haydn Society, American Symphony Orchestra, Boston Symphony, and the Washington Bach Consort.

Since his debut with the New York City Opera as Masetto in *Don Giovanni* in 2002, Mr. Burns has been a frequent guest with the company. He has also sung leading roles with Wolf Trap Opera including the title role in Mozart's *Impresario* and Bartolo in *Il Borbiere di Siviglia*.

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Karen Mason

Three Holiday Concerts Scheduled by McCarter

A concert of Bach compositions played by The Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Choir, Christmas and classical favorites performed by The Canadian Brass, and an evening of holiday songs by Broadway star Karen Mason will headline the holiday season at McCarter Theatre.

The Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Choir, under the direction of Dutch conductor Ton Koopman, will perform a program of Baroque Christmas classics on Monday, December 11 at 8 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium. The program will include Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat* and *Jouchzet, frohlocket* from Cantata No. 1 of the *Christmos Oratorio*, Corelli's *Christmas* Concerto, and a rarely-performed *Mognificat* by Bach's teacher Dietrich Buxtehude.

Internationally-renowned baroque specialists, the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Choir members are regular guests of the major concert halls of Europe, the U.S., and Japan. This season they will perform in Amsterdam, Cologne, Zurich, Rome, Dresden, and Stockholm. Mr. Koopman studied organ and harpsichord in Amsterdam and was awarded the Prix d'Excellence for both instruments. In 1969, at age 25, he established his first Baroque orchestra and, in 1979, founded the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra followed in 1993 by the Amsterdam Baroque Choir.

Ms. Mason will perform *A Holidoy Romonce* on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. as part of this season's Cabaret Series at McCarter. One of the hottest attractions on the cabaret circuit, she is an eight-time winner of the MAC Award, cabaret's equivalent of the Tony, and has won the Major Female Vocalist of the Year award for five consecutive years. On Broadway she originated the role of Tanya in the musical *Mommo Mio*, and was awarded a 2002 Drama Desk nomination for best actress. She has performed at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and Lincoln Center.

Now celebrating their 35th anniversary, the Canadian Brass will perform holiday music on Monday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium. Known as the "fabulous five," the quintet has appeared on The Tonight Show, Today, and Entertainment Tonight, and numerous PBS specials. They have also been guest artists on *Evening ot Pops* with John Williams and the Boston Pops Orchestra. Their concert will feature music by Bach, Vivaldi, and Forsythe, in addition to selections of Christmas music.

Tickets for the the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra & Choir are $45 and $48. Limited seating at $40 is still available for the Karen Mason concert, with standing room only tickets $15.

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Westminster Opera Theater Performing This Weekend

Westminster Opera Theater will present *Savitri* by Gustav Holst and *Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini this Saturday, December 2 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 at 2 p.m. in The Playhouse on the Westminster Choir College campus.

The performance venue has been changed from the previously announced Princeton High School Performing Arts Center.

A musical blend of English folk music, Wagnerian opera, and early 20th-century music, *Savitri* reflects Holst's interest in Hindu literature and religion. It is based on an episode from the *Mohobhoroto* in which Savitri, after premonitions of her husband's death become reality, manages to outwit Death and have her husband restored to life. The mythic quality of the opera touches on the profoundly human concerns of life, death, and love.

Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* depicts the story of Buoso Donati, a wealthy Florentine who, on his death bed, is surrounded by doting relatives who are more interested in the state of his will than in the state of his health. Betto, a poor relative from Signa, alerts the family to a rumor that Buoso has left his considerable fortune to the local friars. If the rumor proves true, the family will have to resort to desperate measures to recover Buoso's fortune, even if it means enlisting the aid of their neighbor Gianni Schicchi, a man they all detest. Daniel Beckwith, head of opera studies at Westminster, will be the music director for the production, Bill Fabris the stage director. The cast is composed of Westminster students from both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Mr. Beckwith has conducted in many of the major opera houses throughout North America and Europe. He served as assistant to James Levine for six seasons at the Metropolitan Opera and was given his conducting debut with *Don Giovanni* in 1995. From 1999 to 2001, he was the Artistic Director of the Lake George Opera Festival. His future plans include a return to Calgary Opera for Bizet's Cormen, as well as concerts featuring Renée Fleming with the Hartford Symphony and St. Luke's Chamber Orchestra at Carnegie Hall.

A regular with Chautauqua Opera, Mr. Fabris is equally at home in the worlds of opera and music theater. His work regularly appears on the stages of regional opera companies, including Opera Delaware, Mobile Opera, Opera Colorado Artist Center, Eugene Opera, South Carolina Opera, Opera Pacific, Natchez Opera, Lyric Opera of San Antonio, and Opera Boston. Internationally, he directed the European tours of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Hair*, and choreographed the award-winning film *Boot Comp*, which was featured in numerous international film festivals.

Admission for the performances will be $15 for adults, $10 for students and seniors. Tickets may be ordered by calling the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. They may also be purchased at the door.

Millstone Valley Chorus In Joint Holiday Concert

The Millstone Valley Chorus, a Central Jersey women's harmony group, will join The Brothers In Harmony of Easton, Pa. for a "Home For The Holidays" concert on Sunday, December 17 at The College of New Jersey's Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall at 3 p.m. Jack Pinto of Hamilton, director of both choruses, has brought the groups together every holiday season for the past four years.

The program will feature a selection of holiday hymns and carols sung in traditional soprano, alto, tenor, and bass harmony. Each ensemble will perform individually, then as a combined chorus.

Joining the choruses on stage will be seven guest singers invited by Millstone Valley to participate in the concert. The finale will feature Debbie Connolly, lead singer of The Buzz, the 2006 International quartet champions of Sweet Adelines.

The Millstone Valley Chorus is a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a non-profit organization of women singing a cappella four-part harmony. Chorus members live in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Brothers In Harmony is a men's barbershop chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and has been chosen to represent their district in the 2007 international competition in Denver, Colo.

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TCNJ Holiday Concert To Feature Two Choirs

The College of New Jersey Music Department will present the TCNJ Choir and Women's Ensemble in a joint holiday concert this Saturday, December 2 at 8 p.m. in the school's Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall.

Under the direction of Dr. Michael Mendoza, the TCNJ Choir will perform Eddie Quaid's arrangement of Ngapo Wehi's *Kuo Ruongo Mai Koe*, G.B. Martini's *Domine, Ad Adjuvondum Me Festino*, Randall Thompson's *Stopping By Woods on Snowy Evening*, Sateren's arrangement of *Amozing Groce*, Houston Bright's *I Hear A Voice A-Proyin'*, and Natalie Sleeth's *Jozz Glorio*.

The Women's Ensemble, directed by John T. McDonnell, will perform Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, accompanied by harpist Barbara Ann Biggers.

The program will also include a gospel selection, seasonal songs, and an arrangement of the carol *Lully Lulloy* by TCNJ's Michael Mendoza.

Tickets will be $10 for general admission, or $5 for students, faculty, alumni, seniors, and youth. They will be available at the door or online at www.tcnj.tix.com.

For more information, call the TCNJ Music Department at (609) 771-2551 or (609) 771-2552.

The College of New Jersey is located at 2000 Pennington Road (Route 31) in Ewing.

MCCC Chorus, Jazz Band Presenting Free Concerts

Mercer County Community College will offer free back-to-back winter concerts on Tuesday, December 12 and Wednesday, December 13 featuring the MCCC Chorus and MCCC Jazz Band, respectively. Both concerts will begin at 8 p.m. in the college's Kelsey Theatre in West Windsor.

YOUNG VOICES: Members of New Jersey Opera Theater's Young Artist Program — from left, Adam Phillips, Sara Greeson, Sarah Nelson Cratt, J. Elizabeth Peelle, Sungji Kim, Nacole Palmer, Sarah Sweet, and Hyong Sik Jo — will present a series of four "HolidayFare" concerts next month featuring a variety of sacred and secular holiday music. The Young Artist Program bridges the gap between the formal schooling process and a professional career for the singers. Performances will be Sunday, December 3 at Princeton Church of Christ at 3 p.m.; Sunday, December 10 at Princeton Public Library at 3 p.m.; Saturday, December 16 at Grounds for Sculpture at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 17 at New Brunswick's Zimmerli Art Museum at 3 p.m.

The MCCC Chorus, comprising college students and singers from the community, will offer a varied mix of sacred selections alternating with lighter fare. Prof. Marjorie Herman, D.M., will conduct. Included on the program will be two *Glorias* by Mozart and Ailor. A newly formed student group, the Mercer Chamber Choir, will also perform, under the direction of student Elizabeth Boyle.

The MCCC Jazz Band, performing on Wednesday, December 13, will be directed by Prof. James Kelly. The program will include jazz classics such as Miles Davis's *Milestones* and John Coltrane's signature *Blue Trane*, as well as standards from the Great American Songbook. It will also include Prof. Kelly's arrangement of the Horace Silver classic, *Nico's Dream*. All selections will feature improvisations by the student musicians.

For more information, contact the college's Music Department at (609) 586-3735.

Clinic for Teen Musicians Planned for December 9

The New Jersey State Teen Arts program, a statewide 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will offer a clinic for teenage guitar and bass players on Saturday, December 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Prallsville Mill on Route 29 in Stockton.

The day will feature a performance by the clinicians, who include Glenn Alexander, T.M. Stevens, and members of the *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* band. The performance will be followed by group instruction covering instrumental technique; effects; improvisation; songwriting and composing; rehearsal techniques; ensemble work; and recording, touring, and music business basics. Participants will also have opportunities to perform with clinicians and peers.

Pre-registration for the clinic is required and enrollment is limited to the first 100 students to register. The fee is $30 and includes lunch. Music educators are also invited to register.

Checks may be mailed to Friends of Teen Arts, 1422 Route 179, Lambertville 08530 and must include the student's name, school, grade, phone number, and e-mail address for confirmation.

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Taking It On: Helen Mirren Goes For Life

I should have known better. I had to be talked into going to see *The Queen* the other night, even after a month of watching Helen Mirren in *Prime Suspect*, from the first six seasons on DVD right through to Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison's sad goodbye on a recent two-part special on Masterpiece Theatre. By the time you come to Mirren's last scenes, the drunken outbursts, the reeling, despairing stupor, and the aging woman's infatuation with her inner teenager in the form of a schoolgirl who turns out to be her last and saddest arrest, it's no surprise to read in John Lahr's recent New Yorker profile ("Command Performance") that in a school production of *The Tempest* the role she took on was Caliban, not Miranda: "I just got into it, of living in this wonderful exotic world, of a creature locked in this awful physical prison but with a dim sense that there was something else out there."

Better Caliban, you might say, than Queen Elizabeth, the dowdiest and frumpiest of monarchs. Think how it was for her when she contemplated the "costumes" she would have to wear in *The Queen*: "I saw the shoes lined up and the tweed skirts and the sweaters. I said, 'I can't do this.'" But, she adds, "I grew to love it."

I felt the same lack of enthusiasm. What worried me was the thought that no matter how good she might be, no matter how brilliantly she inhabited the terminally uncharismatic Elizabeth II, I wasn't ready to spend two hours watching her or anyone else play a frumpy monarch plodding miserably through the nightmare of Princess Di's martyrdom.

Like I said, I should have known better. I should have trusted the actress I'd just seen transform an otherwise routine television police drama into a work of art. After taking my seat at the Garden, I witnessed an even more admirable transformation as she redeemed and illuminated an otherwise suspect example of a movie trying to have its cake and eat it, too. Who in or out of the U.K. could be offended except maybe Prince Philip? But then how would you like it if you were played by James Cromwell, an American actor soon to be seen in *Spider Man 3* and best known for his performance as that insufferable basket case, George Sibley, in HBO's *Six Feet Under*?

I should have known that Helen Mirren would not be content to do the by-the-book actor's respectful impersonation of a so-called real person. Could anyone else have taken on this role and created a believable version of Elizabeth while retaining her own compelling attractiveness as a performer? You can see the radiant Mirren shining through and accomplishing a minor miracle as the actor playing Tony Blair (Michael Sheen) actually appears to fall in love with her. Of course it was in the filmmakers' best interest to end up depicting their sovereign in a positive light. But it was the Mirren magnetism that made it work. According to Jeremy Irons, who co-starred with her when she played the other Queen Elizabeth: "She goes for life. That's why she's alluring to men. She's the complete antithesis of the vapid."

So, instead of a vapid monarch, we get Helen Mirren "going for life" and seducing Tony Blair in spite of the dowdy clothes and the duckfooted walk. That's the allure Jeremy Irons was talking about. Mirren has what it takes not just physically (in *Prime Suspect* she can go from plain Jane to dreamy beauty in practically the same scene), but because she has the right instincts, which are not unlike a brilliant detective's instinct for ferreting out clues — one reason she's so convincing as Jane Tennison.

I haven't even mentioned her finest moment in *The Queen*. For setting it up, credit the director Stephen Frears and the writer Peter Morgan. But it's Mirren's authority as an actress that moves us, her humanity, her sense of herself, that makes her Elizabeth so sympathetic that you find yourself wanting to give the befeaguered woman a hug when she drives the royal Range Rover stubbornly into a creek, the engine dies, the 4-wheel drive fails, she bows her head, and swears ("Bugger!") — which induces laughter even as you realize the significance of the moment. She has run aground, stopped literally in her tracks, no longer able to deny her role in the drama of Diana's death. And when she looks up, there's the great stag Prince Philip and her son and grandsons have been stalking. The vision takes her breath away, and she cries out "Oh beauty!" These two cries, the curse and the heartfelt response to a beautiful animal, are Mirren's glory. When asked at the end of an interview what made her "want to do the film," she mentioned "that moment with the stag. I thought it was a beautiful scene."

Jane

In the short film about the making of *Prime Suspect* shown on PBS as the series concluded, a member of the production staff described the ruling strategy as "When in doubt, give it to Helen." Needless to say, Helen Mirren carries the series. According to John Lahr, Esquire called her performance "the most sustained example of great acting in the history of television." The advantage of living a part over a course of years is obvious. The actor has room to explore, discover, and refine that much more of the character. Jane's walk, for example. It takes a while to grow on you — you have to live with the character, too, over the course of time — but one day you realize how beautifully she's developed exactly the right walk for a woman taking command in a man's world. It can't be sexy or even womanly; it has to manage to express the nonchalance of her authority well enough to resolve the issue without violating her essential feminity. At the same time, she commands our sympathy not only through private admissions of doubt and weakness but through her compassion, whether she's feeling for one of her fellow officers or a victim or even a suspect or a lover or a rival. She has her humanity, with all its virtues and defects, to show her the way.

One of the curious things about *Prime Suspect* is the way Mirren's command of her role often puts the other actors at a disadvantage, at the same time giving you a glimpse of how ordinary the series would be with a less potent figure at the center. The actors who suffer the most as foils to her brilliance are usually the title characters, the "prime suspects" who often become fantastically histrionic in performing the aria of their innocence. In almost every one of the seven seasons, there is a moment where you feel that you're watching the equivalent of an audition where a lesser actor is turning him or herself inside out trying to impress a master. It can be painful to watch, a bit like witnessing a seriously challenged mezzo soprano hitting a dozen wrong notes at a recital in the presence of Joan Sutherland. If *Prime Suspect 5* is the best of the lot, it's probably because Jane's primary adversary, Clive "The Street" Norton, comes to life so vividly thanks to Steven Mackintosh, who seems to have channeled John Lennon at his most arrogant on the way to playing a flamboyant young gang leader matching wits with Jane and her crew. Set in Manchester rather than London, this episode takes force (as usual) from the tension the chief inspector's headstrong behavior causes between her and her fellow detectives.

There was some controversy even among people involved in the series concerning the way Jane Tennison ends her career. To some, including Lynda LaPlante, who created the character but bowed out after the third season, Jane's descent into alcoholism seemed a betrayal of the essential premise of a strong, attractive woman challenged but ultimately triumphant within a hostile environment. A lesser actor might have left the series open to that line of thought. But Mirren's Jane Tennison is large enough to contain defects of character with no loss of stature or significance. In any case, the writers balanced the scales by bringing her nastiest professional adversary Bill Otley (Tom Bell) to her first AA meeting. Otley's reappearance as a chastened and sympathetic figure is one of the developments that gives the conclusion of *Prime Suspect* force and credibility. Her old antagonist is the only person there for her when her father dies, and as improbable as it seems that she should find herself being held and consoled by the man who did everything he could to ruin her career, the scene works. Still, my favorite moment comes when Jane goes back to the house she grew up in, puts an old favorite on her teenage turntable, and goes smiling into a dance, whirling, bopping, snapping her fingers to Dusty Springfield's "Stay Awhile," only to collapse and wake up, hung-over and miserable. She doesn't even know where she is.

Judging from what she says in interviews, Helen Mirren feels that Jane's finish is perfectly in character: "A lot of women end up like her. In the thrill of driving on a career, they let go of family connections and suddenly, one day, say, 'Where is life? Where is everyone?'"

—Stuart Mitchner

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Meryl Streep

Meryl Streep to Speak At University Tomorrow

Academy Award-winning actress Meryl Streep will present a public lecture about her career and the theater at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, November 30, in McCosh 50 when she comes to Princeton University as the Belknap Visitor in the Humanities.

The free public lecture is being presented by the Humanities Council. A limited number of tickets will be made available to the public today, November 29, from noon to 3 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium, with a limit of two tickets per person. On November 30, doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for ticket holders, and at 4:50 p.m. there will be general admission from a wait line for any available seats.

An actress of stage, film, and television, Ms. Streep has appeared in such plays as William Shakespeare's *Meosure for Meosure* and Bertolt Brecht's *Mother Courage and her Children*, which was produced in New York's Central Park this summer. The 13-time Academy Award nominee has also appeared in more than 50 films, most recently *The Devil Weors Prada* and *A Proirie Home Companion*, in addition to *The French Lieutenont's Womon*, *The Hours*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *Kramer vs. Kramer*. The two latter films earned her Academy Awards.

Ms. Streep was selected to deliver this year's Belknap lecture because of the range of her experience, extending to television appearances that include the miniseries *Holocaust* and *Angels in America*, where she gained recognition for playing three different roles: male, female, and angelic. Her many awards include the two Oscars, two Emmys, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute.

The talk will not be transmitted on the University cable channel, but will be broadcast live to overflow locations in McCosh 60, 62, 64, and 66. No ticketing is required for the overflow locations.

American Repertory Ballet Offering "The Nutcracker"

Continuing a New Jersey holiday tradition, New Brunswick's State Theatre will present the American Repertory Ballet's production of Graham Lustig's *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 16 at 1 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

The ballet is based on E.T.A. Hoffman's book, *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, the classic story of a girl who helps a wooden nutcracker man defeat a nasty army of mice, only to find herself in the magical dream world of the Land of Toys.

In 1891, the legendary choreographer Marius Petipa commissioned Russian composer Peter Illyich Tchaikovsky to write the music for the *Nutcracker* ballet. In 1892, the first showing of *Nutcracker* took place at the Marlinsky Theatre of Russia, home of the Kirov Ballet. *The Nutcracker* made its way to Western Europe in the 1930s and to America by 1940, performed by Ballet Russe. The first American full length *Nutcracker* was performed by the San Francisco Ballet.

Re-imagined by ARB artistic director Graham Lustig, the State Theatre production will feature brilliant costumes, a full orchestra, colorful sets, and more than 100 performers from ARB's Princeton Ballet School, some as young as seven years old. The set design is by Zack Brown, lighting by Alexander V. Nichols.

A native of London, England, Mr. Lustig received his dance training at the Royal Ballet School. After graduation he joined the Dutch National Ballet, becoming one of its soloist dancers. His first choreography, *Thonotos Instinct*, earned him a Dutch Ministry of Culture award. He joined Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (later to become Birmingham Royal Ballet), where he was a principal dancer and choreographed four works. His ballet *Inscope* earned him a Lawrence Olivier Award nomination. He stopped performing in 1991 to focus on choreography and dance education. Since joining ARB he has created three original works for the company, including *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets range from $25 to $45, with group, college student, and senior discounts available. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

The State Theatre is located at 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick.

SOARING: American Repertory Ballet Company's Laney Engelhard flies through the falling snow in Graham Lustig's "The Nutcracker." After playing at McCarter November 24, 25 and 26, the production will be at Patriot's Theatre at the War Memorial on December 9 and the State Theatre in New Brunswick December 16 and 17. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Speaker Cancelled At Dorothea's House

Dorothea's House, Casa di Cultura Italiana, has announced the cancellation of a program scheduled for this Sunday, December 3, due to an emergency by the speaker.

The scheduled speaker, Paolo Mastrolilli, a U.S. correspondent for Vatican Radio, was required to change his schedule because of an assignment to cover the elections in Venezuela.

In place of the scheduled program, Dorothea's House will show an Italian movie, to be announced on Sunday, at 5 p.m. The film will be followed by a reception.

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Annual Shakespeare Social Set by Repertory Company

A casual evening of dinner and drinks with Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival actors, founders, and others is planned at a private home in Kingston this Friday, December 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. The fund-raiser will feature food and desserts catered by Hopewell's Blue Bottle Cafe and other Princeton area restaurants.

A highlight of the evening will be the screening of *REPutation*, an original documentary by filmmaker Miguel Plylar Moore featuring Princeton Rep artistic director Victoria Liberatori and board president Anne Reiss. The film captures a year in the life of Princeton Rep. The event will also include a silent auction of theater collectibles.

Admission will be a tax-deductible donation. Donors may also contribute by visiting www.princetonrep.org/Donation.htm.

For more information, call (609) 921-3682.

New Jersey Collegians Vying in Comedy Contest

Twelve college comedians will face off in the second annual Catch A Rising Star College Comedy Challenge at Resorts International in Atlantic City this weekend, on Saturday December 2 at 4 p.m. The show is free and open to the public but advance reservations are required by calling (609) 340-7855.

Aspiring comedians from The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), Rowan University, Stockton College, and Centenary College met in preliminary rounds at each of the colleges in early November, with the winners from each school advancing to the finals in Atlantic City. The December 2 winner will get a paid engagement at a future date at one of the Catch A Rising Star Comedy Clubs.

The finalists from TCNJ are Vegas Lancaster of Cherry Hill, Adam Mamawala of Hillsborough, Jason Cantor of Edison, and Annie Raczko of Pompton Plains.

The finalists from Rowan University are Joe Murphy of Pennsauken, Andrew Clotworthy of Glassboro, and Steve Grande of Pennsauken.

The finalists from Stockton College are Noah Houlihan of Gloucester, Tommy Sunchuk of Toms River, and Bradford Jennings of Little Silver.

The finalists from Centenary College are Brian Nauer of Hackettstown and Drew Hayes of Parsippany.

Catch A Rising Star held its first College Comedy Challenge in 2005, with over 30 student-comedians taking part in the competition. Princeton University's Patrick Cunningham was the eventual winner and later appeared at Catch A Rising Star in Princeton. A west coast version was held at University of Nevada-Reno.

The first Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club opened in New York City in 1972. Its alumni include Robin Williams, Billy Crystal, Jerry Seinfeld, Bill Maher, Richard Belzer, Ray Romano, Jon Lovitz, Chris Rock, Bob Saget and Robert Wuhl, among others.

BIG KID: Reprising the role he first played in 2002, Jim Lynch is appearing this week in the lead role of Josh Baskin in "Big: The Musical" at the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. The show is an adaptation of the Tom Hanks movie about a boy who, furious with the frustrations of his dawning adolescence, wishes to become "big" and suddenly becomes a man of 30 with the passions of a 12-year-old. Mr. Lynch has previously been seen by Playhouse audiences as Harold Hill in "The Music Man," as Georges in "La Cage aux Folles," and as Billy Flynn in "Chicago." Performances are tonight and Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $22 and $24; to order, call (215) 862-2041. *(Photo by Stephen Casey)*

McCARTER STARS: Broadway, film, and television veteran Paul Benedict, perhaps best known for his roles on TV's "Sesame Street" and "The Jettersons," will appear at McCarter Theatre for the next three weeks as Ebenezor Scrooge in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with Isaac Garrot Sinclair Nowman as Tiny Tim. The show, now in its 26th season at McCarter, will begin its run this Sunday, December 3 and continue through December 24. Performances will be December 3 at 5:30 p.m.; December 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; December 9, 10, 16, 17, and 23 at 1 and 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 24 at noon and 4 p.m. Tickets range from $31 to $42, and may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787. *(Photo by Frank Wojciechowski Photography)*

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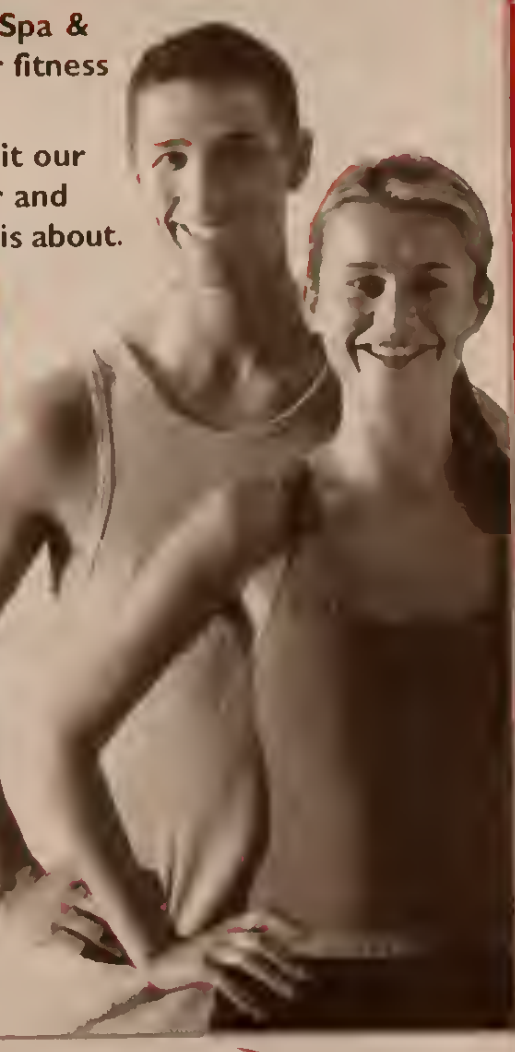

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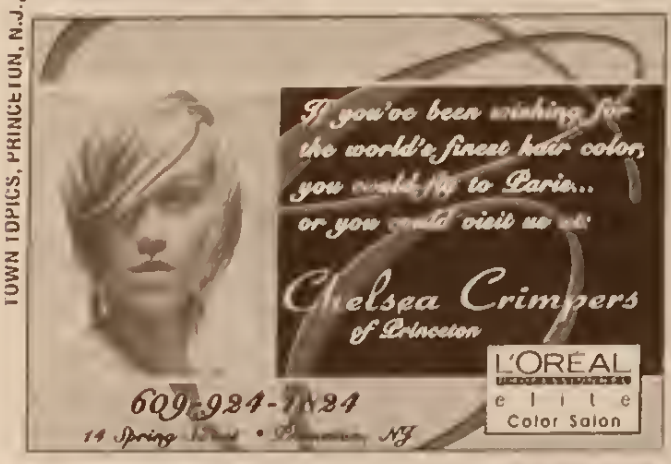

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CINEMA REVIEW — *Déjà Vu*

Denzel Travels Back in Time in Dizzying Sci-Fi Thriller

ATF Agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington) is one of the first agents on the scene following an explosion aboard a ferry that was shuttling members of the military and their families between New Orleans's Algiers and Canal Street piers. Over five hundred passengers perished and Doug suspects terrorists when he discovers traces of a weapon of mass destruction in the wreckage.

I BETTER CATCH HIM BEFORE HE BLOWS ME UP: ATF Agent Doug Carlin (Denzel Washington, center) looks around trying to pinpoint the position of the terrorist so he can thwart his plans, thereby preventing the tragedy that has already occurred.

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In fact, he has an uncanny knack for identifying material evidence, since everything he touches seems to fill in another piece of the puzzle which is baffling the local police. Then, Carlin's efforts are augmented when FBI Agent Andrew Pryzwarra (Val Kilmer) joins the investigation. Pryzwarra is privy to a top secret project at headquarters which enables the government to observe anyone, anywhere, via a complex series of interconnected satellites.

For some reason, the system always shows events which transpired precisely four days and six hours ago. This means that all the authorities have to do to crack the case is point their time machine at the pier from which the ferry embarked and watch until the mastermind (Jim Caviezel) appears.

The plot thickens when Doug becomes obsessed with one of the victims, a pretty young woman named Claire Kuchever (Paula Patton). Upon closer inspection, not only does he determine that she was dead before the bombing, but that she probably had contact of some sort with the perpetrator. Instead of waiting four days to figure it all out, Agent Carlin decides to teleport himself back in time to try to prevent the attack from happening. The FBI scientists object and warn Doug that he's risking his life, because the process is not yet perfected.

This preposterous premise is the point of departure of Déjà Vu, a science-fiction adventure directed by Tony Scott. Heavy with pretentious, pseudo-scientific jargon about "worm holes" and "space folding in upon itself," the movie is the third collaboration between Scott and Denzel Washington.

Best described as a cross between *Minority Report* (2002) and *Frequency* (2000), this variation on the time travel theme will engage you to the extent that you are able to forgive a script which repeatedly relies on physics to explain away every improbable plot development. The movie cleverly mixes the "catch a crook before he commits a crime" idea with the notion of "going back in order to save a loved one."

The film was shot in post-Katrina New Orleans, but generally avoids exploiting the devastation as a backdrop except for an extended scene through the Lower Ninth Ward. The supporting cast includes Elle Fanning (sister of Dakota) who makes a couple of cameo appearances in an insignificant role.

Aptly titled, *Déjà Vu* is an edge of your seat roller coaster ride, but one you've probably been on before.

Very good (★★★). Rated PG-13 for sensuality, disturbing images, nudity, and violence. Running time: 128 minutes. Studio: Touchstone Pictures

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AT THE CINEMA

Babel (R for sex, expletives, violence, nudity, and drug use). International thriller starts when the wife (Cate Blanchett) of an American tourist (Brad Pitt) is shot in the neck atop a mountain in Morocco. Three-tiered storyline also involves parallel plots unfolding in Mexico and Japan. Cast includes Elle Fanning (Dakota's little sister) and Gael Garcia Bernal.

Bobby (R for profanity, violence, and drug use). The movie reconstructs the events leading up to the June 4, 1968 assassination of Bobby Kennedy from the perspective of 22 witnesses who happened to be at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles that day. Cast includes Sir Anthony Hopkins, Helen Hunt, Laurence Fishburne, Demi Moore, William H. Macy, Ashton Kutcher, Nick Cannon, Lindsay Lohan, Heather Graham, Harry Belafonte, Joy Bryant, Sharon Stone, Elijah Wood, and Emilio Estevez.

Borat (R for profanity, crude sexuality, and nudity). Sacha Baron Cohen stars in the title role of this zany comedy as a journalist dispatched to the U.S. from his native Kazakhstan to make a documentary about America. Cast includes Pamela Anderson, Pat Haggerty and Ken Davitian.

Casino Rayale (PG-13 for sexuality, nudity, torture, and violence). Daniel Craig is introduced as the new James Bond for the 21st installment of the 007 franchise. This remake, originally released in 1967 as a spoof starring Woody Allen, is based on the debut novel in Ian Fleming's famed series. Bond is on a mission to Madagascar to track down a terrorist (Sebastien Foucan) planning to fund a diabolical plot with casino prize money. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini, Caterina Murino, and Eva Green.

Deck the Halls (PG for off-color language, and crude humor). Comedy features Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito as next-door neighbors competing to outdo each other's outdoor Christmas light display. Cast includes Kristin Davis and Kristin Chenoweth as their spouses, respectively.

Déjà Vu (PG-13 for sensuality, disturbing images, and sequences of terror). Denzel Washington stars in this sci-fi adventure as an ATF Agent who travels back in time to prevent the detonation of a weapon of mass destruction on a New Orleans ferry boat only to end up falling in love with one of the people (Paula Patton) about to be murdered in the process. Cast includes Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, and Elle Fanning.

Fast Food Natian (R for profanity, drug use, disturbing images, and graphic sexuality). The junk food industry is satirized by director Richard Linklater in this fictionalized version of Eric Schlosser's best-selling expose of the same name. Cast features Greg Kinnear, Bruce Willis, Ethan Hawke, Kris Kristofferson, Patricia Arquette, Luiz Guzman, Wilmer Valderrama, and Bobby Cannavale.

Flushed Away (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Claymation animated adventure about a pampered pet mouse (Hugh Jackman) living high on the hog in a posh, penthouse apartment who gets an instant lesson in how the other half lives when he's accidentally flushed down the toilet and ends up in the streets of London. With character voiceovers by Kate Winslet, Jean Reno, Bill Nighy, Ian McKellen and Andy Serkis.

For Your Consideratian (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Parody, set in the forties, examines the fallout visited upon the cast and crew of an independent film influenced by pre-release Oscar buzz to make some last-minute changes to the script. Top-flight cast features Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Harry Shearer, Ed Begley, Jr., Christopher Guest, Parker Posey, Sandrah Oh, Bob Balaban, Fred Willard, Larry Miller, Ricky Gervais, and Claire Forlani.

The Fauntain (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity, and intense violence). Immortality explored as theme of this millennium-spanning, sci-fi fantasy which starts in 16th Century Spain and revolves around a Conquistador (Hugh Jackman) in search of the Fountain of Youth in order to save the love (Rachel Weisz) of his numerous lives.

A Gaod Year (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*) reunites with Russell Crowe for this film about a disgraced British businessman who retires to a chateau in France to tend to the tiny vineyard he thinks he's inherited from his uncle (Albert Finney) only to have a young girl (Abbie Cornish) arrive from California claiming to be the rightful heir.

Hoppy Feet (PG for peril and crude humor). Animated, Antarctic adventure about a tone deaf penguin (Elijah Wood) who finds himself a mate (Brittany Murphy) through tap dancing, instead of through singing like the rest of his species. With voicework by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Hugo Weaving, Nicole Kidman, and Steve Irwin.

Let's Go ta Prisan (R for sex, expletives, violence, and drug use). Comedy about a career criminal (Dax Shepard) intent on torturing his new cellmate, the unfairly convicted son (Will Arnett) of the judge who put him behind bars. Support cast includes veteran character actors Chi McBride and David Koechner.

The Nativity Story (PG for violence). Biblical drama chronicles the trials and tribulations endured by the Virgin Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) during their 100-mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of the Christ child in a manger.

The Queen (PG-13 for brief profanity). Helen Mirren handles the title role in this biopic about the crisis which confronted the British royal family when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and company were not inclined to mourn publicly in the wake of the death of Princess Diana. With Michael Sheen as Tony Blair, James Cromwell as Prince Philip, Sylvia Syms as the Queen Mum.

The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clouse (G) Tim Allen reprises his role as Scott Calvin, aka Saint Nick, now a newlywed with a pregnant wife (Elizabeth Mitchell). This adventure has Santa matching wits with his nemesis Jack Frost (Martin Short) who is trying to appropriate the Christmas holiday.

Saw III (R for profanity, nudity, gore, torture, graphic violence, and frightening sequences). Third installment in the grisly series has the sadistic Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) back baffling the police while, with the help of an apprentice, (Shawnee Smith) he again keeps a terrified community on edge.

Stranger Thon Fiction (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity and disturbing images). Will Ferrell stars in this surrealistic fantasy as an IRS agent who hears the voice of a novelist (Emma Thompson) in his head only to realize that she's not only controlling what happens in his life but also has plans to kill off his character. Cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Queen Latifah, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Kristin Chenoweth.

Tenaciaus D in "The Pick of Destiny" (Unrated). Jack Black and Kyle Gass co-star in this musical comedy, a fictionalized account of the creation and rise of their unorthodox rock group, Tenacious D, as seen through the eyes of celebrities and friends. Cast includes Tim Robbins, Ben Stiller, Colin Hanks, Meat Loaf, and SNL's Amy Poehler.

Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj (R for nudity, profanity, and sexual content). This comedy features an expansion of co-star Kal Penn's supporting role as an enterprising East Indian college student now headed to Oxford to help the uptight Britons get the party started.

—Kam Williams

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11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Drumthwacket Open House, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

Noon and 1 p.m.: Films with a Bite series, *Refrigerotor Mothers*; Princeton Public Library.

2 and 8 p.m.: *Big:* The *Musicol*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Theodore Sorensen at Dodds Auditorium: CANCELLED.

7 p.m.: Book signing with Carlo DeVito, author of *Wellington:* The *Moros, The Giants and the City of New York*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

8 p.m.: The *Volue of Nomes*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 30

8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; Frist Center, Princeton University, Multi-purpose Rooms A & B.

3:30 to 6:45 p.m.: James Madison Program in American *Ideals and Institutions* public conference, *The Public Interest and the Making of American Public Policy, 1965-2005*; Computer Science Building, Princeton University, Olden Street. Also Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Free.

5 p.m.: Belknap Lecture by actress Meryl Streep; McCosh 50, Princeton University. Free. Limited tickets available from noon to 3 p.m. November 29 at Richardson Auditorium ticket office.

6 p.m.: Opening reception for Arts Council of Princeton's annual "Sauce for the Goose" holiday sale; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center. (Sale hours Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday to 7:30 p.m., until December 22.)

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Varsity Club talk by Trinity College professor of philosophy Drew Hyland, on "The Sweatiest of the Liberal Arts: Athletics and Education"; McCosh 10. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Concert with The Jupiter String Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Terro Novo*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, December 1

2:30 to 8:30 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; Frist Center, Princeton University, Multi-purpose Rooms A & B.

6 to 8 p.m.: Princeton Family YMCA's 9th annual Swim with Santa; Princeton Theological Seminary Pool, West Windsor. Free.

6 to 9 p.m.: Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival fund-raiser; for information, call (609) 921-3682.

7:30 p.m.: Fashion On Ice with Chris Isaak; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Cool *Yule Jozz IV*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Wind Ensemble; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater & Dance's *Set and Drift*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Riverside Symphonia; St. John the Evangelist Church, Lambertville. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv movement workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 p.m.: College of New Jersey Percussion and Saxophone Ensembles; Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall, College of New Jersey, Ewing.

8 p.m.: *You're o Good Mon, Charlie Brown*; Academy Theatre, Bordentown. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Jazz organist Joey DeFrancesco; Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: *Greetings!*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Steven Scott and Tim Gage; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

9 p.m.: Bliggins and Goines folk/blues band; Mitchells' Café, Church Street, Lambertville. Free.

Saturday, December 2

10:30 am.: Children's sing-along with Heather Mulvey; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

11 a.m.: Breakfast with Santa; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

12:30 to 3 p.m.: Holiday Party with Santa and Snowy; Princeton Shopping Center.

1 to 4 p.m.: Eastern European Festival including 3 p.m. concert; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

2 and 8 p.m.: *It's o Wonderful Life*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: Tony Mennella and Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: *Betty Buckley's Christmos Show*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Jazz concert with pianist Derf Nolde and the Keystone Jazz Group; James A. Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, Pa.

8 p.m.: Holiday Concert with College of New Jersey Choir and Women's Ensemble; Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall, College of New Jersey, Ewing.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Composers Collective; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Opera Theater presentation of *Sovitri* by Gustav Holst and *Gianni Schicchi* by Giacomo Puccini; The Playhouse, Westminster Choir College. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Williamson Voices' *Candlelight Christmos* concert; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.

Sunday, December 3

1:30 p.m.: *Music for Flute and Horp* Chamber Concert with Princeton Symphony Orchestra; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

2 to 5 p.m.: Annual auction and raffle fund-raiser; Crossroads Nursery School, 225 Olden Lane.

3 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert, *HolidoyFore*; Princeton Church of Christ.

3 p.m.: Rider University Choir holiday concert; Gill Memorial Chapel, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Free.

3 p.m.: *Pot Boone's Christmos*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

4 p.m.: Screening of *The Power of Community: How Cubo Survived Peak Oil*; Carl A. Fields Center, Princeton University. Free.

5 p.m.: Lecture by Paolo Mastrolilli, U.S. correspondent for Vatican Radio; Dorothea's House. CANCELLED.

5:30 p.m.: *A Christmos Corol*; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Annual holiday concert by College of New Jersey Chorale; Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall, College of New Jersey, Ewing.

Monday, December 4

7:30 p.m.: Rider University Concert Band and Blawenburg Band; Yvonne Theater, Rider University Fine Arts Building, Lawrenceville. Free.

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 a.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton board meeting; Nassau Inn.

1 to 3:30 p.m.: Flu shots for Princeton residents 65 and older; Suzanne Patterson Building. Appointments required by calling (609) 924-7108. Free with Medicare B card.

7:30 p.m.: St. Francis Medical Center's annual Holiday Concert featuring Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea; Sacred Heart Church, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Composers' Ensemble at Princeton, works of graduate student composers; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

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Sports

Failing to Capitalize on Chances, PU Women's Hockey Falls Twice

Entering last weekend, the Princeton University women's ice hockey team was flying high.

Producing an 8-0-2 start, best in program history, the eighth-ranked Tigers looked forward to hosting No. 6 Dartmouth last Friday and seventh-ranked Harvard a day later.

In the early stages of Friday's clash against the Big Green, Princeton buzzed all over the ice, outshooting Dartmouth 21-13 over the first two periods.

Yet, in what became a theme of the weekend, the Tigers didn't maximize those opportunities as they trailed 3-2 going into the third period.

The roof fell in on Princeton during the last 20 minutes as they were outscored 3-1 on the way to tasting defeat for the first time this season as the Big Green prevailed 6-3.

Against Harvard, Princeton came out strong, outshooting the Crimson 15-9 in the first period. But the game was knotted at 0-0 and then things slipped away as Harvard cashed in on two power plays in the second period to build a 3-0 lead going into the second intermission.

The Crimson tacked on two more goals as they cruised to a 5-0 victory, leading Princeton to skate off the ice with their heads down.

In the wake of the Harvard loss, Princeton senior co-captain Laura Watt quietly reflected on what might've been.

"I think we played really well last night but we had some hard luck," said Watt. "I think we kept that going in the first period. I was thinking we were ahead on the play; we were in their zone a lot."

Watt acknowledged that the Crimson's work on the power play proved to be the difference in the contest.

"We knew before tonight that their power play was good and they proved it again," said Watt. "We need to get better on the penalty kill. Both of those teams did really well on the power play."

In order for Princeton to get back on the winning track, it needs to start doing better with its chances.

"We need to capitalize on our opportunities," asserted Watt, a native ol Ajax, Ontario who has 79 points in her Princeton career.

"We came out strong, if not stronger, than the teams ranked ahead ol us but we can't seem to capitalize on our chances. Then once the game gets going and there's a lull, we're giving up cheap goals. It's hard to come back from that so late in the game."

In Watt's view, the Tigers learned some lessons this past weekend that could help them over the long haul.

"I think it can be a positive wake-up call," maintained Watt. "We play Mercyhurst next weekend and they are ranked even higher than these two teams. It makes you realize that just being at home isn't necessarily an advantage; you've got to have your focus earlier in the week."

A glum Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal hoped the weekend wasn't a total loss. "I hope it can be something positive," said Kampersal, whose team is now 8-2-1 in ECAC Hockey League play, trailing league leaders Harvard and Dartmouth by a point. "Getting slapped in the face should give us a little more focus on Monday and the rest of the week to get better."

LOST WEEKEND : Princeton University senior co-captain Laura Watt glides up the ice in recent action. Last weekend, Watt and her teammates had a tough time as they fell 6-3 to No. 6 Dartmouth on Friday and then dropped a 5-0 decision to seventh-ranked Harvard a day later. The eighth-ranked Tigers had entered the weekend with an 8-0-2 record.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

While Kampersal liked the way his team came out ol the gate against Harvard, he acknowledged that his players didn't keep it up.

"I thought we started well; we changed the play really well," said Kampersal, "But over 60 minutes, Harvard outworked us from post-to-post. Their power play is scary, they are at 33 percent. There are going to be penalties called against us but we did our best to stay out of the penalty box."

In Kampersal's view, his team has been too cute ollensively in recent games. "We're not crashing the net and scoring goals," said Kampersal, whose club has just seven goals in its last four games. "We're trying to make the pretty play when we should be grinding it out more."

ON THE OEFENSIVE: Princeton University junior forward Lizzie Keady takes a detensive posture in a recent game. After taking a year off from school to train with the U.S. National team, Keady has scored 10 points on tour goals and six assists in her return to the program. The Tigers, now 8-2-2 overall and 8-1-2 in ECAC Hockey League play, travel to second-ranked Mercyhurst this weekend tor a two-game set on Oecember 1 and 2. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

The team's lack of punch on the power play has been part of the problem offensively. "Our power play is a disaster basically," said Kampersal, whose team went 1-for-7 on the power play against Dartmouth and then was 0-for-6 against Harvard.

"I've been switching the kids around so much they don't know if they are coming or going. But when the kids are out there, they don't make the simple plays; they try to thread the needle."

Kampersal moved Watt to forward Saturday on a line with Lizzie Keady and Kim Pearce in an eflort to get the Tigers to be more gritty around the net.

"All year long we've been trying to find our identity," said Kampersal, who is in his 11th season at the helm of the Princeton program and has posted a 164-123-27 record during his coaching tenure.

"I think we've been exposed in some areas. Watt helps us up front because she can solidify two lines. But then we miss her breakout ability from the back."

With Princeton playing at second-ranked Mercyhurst on December 1 and 2, Kampersal hopes the Tigers will show the hard-nosed mentality that has characterized the program in recent years.

"I don't care about the records, just style of play," said Kampersal, who guided the Tigers to the Ivy League title and its first ever NCAA quarterfinal appearance last year.

"In the third period tonight, we looked like we were all over the place. We have to start playing within ourselves and not trying to do too much."

Watt, for her part, Is going to work with co-captain Pearce to help Princeton get back on track. "Pearce and I lead by example; we just keep working hard and make the team realize that we're going to keep trying no matter what the score is," asserted Watt.

"We give people advice ahout what they are doing wrong and what they can do better so they don't make the same mistake twice."

The Tigers know that they have to learn from the mistakes they made last weekend if they are to produce another special season.

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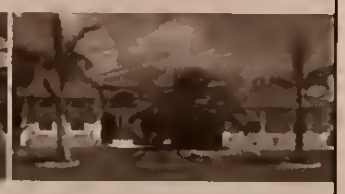

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Princeton Football Defied Expectations As Chemistry, Terrell's Play Led to Title

Prior to the 2006 season, the Princeton University football team wasn't seen by many as an Ivy League title contender.

The annual preseason media poll tabbed Princeton for sixth place as most thought that the Tigers would struggle in wake of heavy graduation losses from its 7-3 team in 2005.

While Princeton head coach Roger Hughes may have thought sixth place was a little low, even he didn't think that he had a juggernaut on his hands.

"I thought realistically we could be 7-3 or 6-4," said Hughes. "I felt like we were going to have a pretty good defense if our linebackers came on. I thought we had good enough skill players on offense to be pretty good at some point if we could get our line to come along. I felt we could hang in there if our defense could hold us in there for the first couple of weeks and our offense kind of gelled together."

Developing a special team chemistry, the Tigers gelled better and quicker than Hughes could have imagined as they posted a 9-1 record, going 6-1 in league play to tie Yale for the league title. Princeton, which climbed into the Division 1-AA Top 20 in October, posted the most wins in a season for the program since the storied 1964 team went 9-0.

Hughes, though, acknowledged that he had some serious doubts about the team after it fell behind 10-0 at Lehigh in the season opener.

"I was thinking at that point that it should be 40-0; we really played awful," recalled Hughes. "I walked into the locker room and I saw the looks on the guys' faces; they didn't know which way to go. Frankly I didn't know if they were going to turn and run."

The coach contemplated ripping his squad but concluded that a more positive approach would work better.

"The first thing I said was 'alright fellas if I'm you I walk out there and tell Lehigh is that the best you've got, is that everything you can hit us with,'" said Hughes, who is 35-34 in his seven-year tenure guiding the Tigers.

"I said let's calm down and I saw a turnaround in our team at that point. They said OK, we're going to go out and do it. They gave us their best shot but they didn't knock us out and now let's go do something about it. I think that's kind of been the mantra of the whole season."

Senior co-captain and linebacker Luke Steckel saw the Lehigh halltime as a turning point.

"We all went into that room and said you know what, we've played about as poorly as we can and we're only down by 10 points," said Steckel.

"The aura on this team was always calm and collected. Whether we're up or down, we're going to keep the same focus and approach the game the same way."

That even-keeled approach resulted in a magical fall which saw Princeton rally in five of its wins.

An important element in Princeton was the family feeling surrounding the team. "The team was about chemistry; it was about team," asserted Hughes. "We worked so hard to get to this point. When you come close and you don't get it, you wonder if it's going to happen. But it became clear that this team had closeness, a work ethic, and senior leadership."

The key senior leader was unquestionably co-captain and quarterback Jeff Terrell. "I feel he was the best player in the Ivy League this year," said Hughes of the 6'3, 220-pound Terrell, who hit on 195-of-331 passes for 2,445 yards and 17 touchdowns this season and ended his Tiger career fourth on the all-time passing list with 4,166 yards.

"For a guy to take a team on his back when we had essentially three freshmen on the offensive line speaks volumes for Jeff Terrell and his leadership. The last guy I had with that kind of potential is in the NFL-Jay Fielder (who Hughes coached at Dartmouth). In the Yale game, Jeff accounted for 92 percent of our offense (445 yards passing and 27 yards rushing)."

Hughes' opinion was shared by the Ivy coaches as Terrell was voted as the winner of the Asa S. Bushnell Cup given to the Ivy Player of the Year. He was a first-team All-Ivy selection along with junior receiver Brendan Circle, senior punter Colin McDonough, and senior defensive backs J.J. Artis and Tim Strickland.

Terrell brought a quality to the Tigers beyond his passing and rushing yardage. "He is so tough, he takes shots," said Hughes. "We don't give up a ton of sacks but that doesn't mean he isn't taking shots. With the option game we run, he took shots on those too. I think when the kids see that on film, they think if he's going to lay it on the line, then I'm going to lay it on the line too."

There was something deeper than toughness that helped spur the Tigers this fall. "We know we love each other more than the other team loves themselves," maintained Hughes."

Steckel, for his part, said that the 2006 Tigers developed an unshakable bond. "These 100 or so guys are not only my teammates, they are my best friends," said Steckel.

"These are the guys I hang around with; the guys I take classes with. These are the guys I'm going to stay in touch with after I graduate. These guys are my best friends and the fact that I get to play football with them makes it even better."

And when Steckel gets together with those teammates after graduation, they will surely recount a slew of memorable stories about a 2006 season that was one of the greatest in Tiger football history.

–Bill Alden

GUIDING LIGHTS: Princeton University football captains Jeff Terrell, left, Luke Steckel, and Tiger head coach Roger Hughes prepare to light the bonfire for the traditional celebration that ensues when Princeton beats Yale and Harvard in the same season. Terrell and Steckel were guiding lights in a special season that saw Princeton go 9-1 overall and 6-1 in Ivy League play, tying Yale for the league crown. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

CIRCLE THE WAGONS: Princeton University junior receiver Brendan Circle races up the field during Princeton's 31-28 win over Harvard in October. Circle was a key playmaker for Princeton, making 56 catches for 835 yards and seven touchdown to help spark the Tigers to a 9-1 campaign and a share of the Ivy title along with Yale. Circle was named as a first-team All Ivy performer this season. Other Tigers who were named first-team All-Ivy included quarterback Jeff Terrell, punter Colin McDonough, and defensive backs J.J. Artis and Tim Strickland.

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MANHATTAN TRANSFER: Princeton University men's basketball junior forward Kyle Koncz dribbles up the court last Wednesday in Princeton's 57-45 win at Manhattan. Koncz hit on 4-for-5 shots on the way to scoring a team-high 13 points as the Tigers improved to 3-1 on the season. Princeton was slated to play at Lafayette on November 28 before competing in the Blue and Gold Classic in Milwaukee, Wis. where they will face North Dakota State on December 1 and either Marquette or Northwestern State on December 2. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PU Sports Roundup

Tiger Star Matheson Headed to World Cup

Princeton University junior midfielder Diana Matheson will be headed to the 2007 Women's World Cup as her Canadian national team achieved its fourth straight appearance in the competition by advancing to the finals of the Gold Cup in Carson, Calif.

By topping Jamaica 4-0 in the Gold Cup semis, Canada secured one of two Women's World Cup places slotted for CONCACAF, the North American soccer governing body. Matheson played all 90 minutes in the win.

Canada ended up losing 2-1 in the final to the U.S. as Matheson once again was on the pitch for the whole contest. The 2007 Women's World Cup will be held September 10-30 in five stadiums throughout China.

Princeton Wrestling 0-3 at Northeast Duals

The Princeton University wrestling team struggled at the Northeast Duals, losing all three of its matches at the competition which was held in Albany, N.Y.

The Tigers fell to American University (41-6), Binghamton (36-5), and Hofstra (46-6) in dropping to 0-4 on the season.

Princeton is next in action when it travels to Bucknell for a tri-meet with Binghamton and the host school. The Tigers will make their home debut on December 10 against Maryland.

PU Squash Star Kumar Wins Constable Title

Princeton University freshman Neha Kumar, the leader of a highly touted class of freshmen on the PU women's squash team, made a stirring debut in her first Constable Invitational last weekend.

The top-seeded Kumar, competing against some of the top players from three of the top programs in the country, held her position and claimed a five-game win in the final match to claim the championship.

Kumar won a pair of three-game matches to advance to the semifinals, where she met fourth seed Sydney Scott of Penn. Like Kumar, Scott is a freshman playing No. 1 for her squad, and she extended the Tiger freshman before Kumar claimed a 9-6, 9-6, 2-9, 9-5 win.

In the final, Kumar faced another Penn freshman Kristin Lange, who is currently playing No. 2 for the Quakers and who made it into the final despite being unseeded. Kumar outlasted Lange to come away with the title in a 6-9, 9-2, 9-3, 0-9, 9-7 win.

RALLY TIME: Princeton University freshman forward Dan Bartlett races up the ice in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Barlett chipped in a goal as the Tigers rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win 4-2 at Harvard. The win lifted Princeton to 2-6-2 overall and 2-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League action. A day earlier, the Tigers had tought back from a 2-0 deficit to tie 15th-ranked Dartmouth 3-3. In upcoming action, Princeton plays a two-game set at Alabama-Huntsville on December 1 and 2. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Women's Hoops in Transition Phase As It Adjusts to Run-and-Gun Approach

Implementing an up-tempo style of play this season, the Princeton University women's basketball team hoped to be a step ahead of the competition.

But in early action this season, the Tigers have found themselves going one step forward and one step back as they have gotten off to a 2-2 start.

"Just because we're playing faster doesn't mean that you have to make bad decisions faster," said Princeton head coach Richard Barron in assessing his team's performance in the early going. "We have to be disciplined and recognize when to take the quick shot and when to make the pass."

Last Friday, the Tigers made some progress as they won 56-49 at Lehigh. "I thought we addressed some of the problems we've been having," said Barron, whose team outrebounded the Mountain Hawks 50-32 and shot 42.4 percent from the floor.

"We were better in terms of intensity. We were definitely better at rebounding; that was a point of emphasis. We've got a lot of things to work on and we can't fix it all at once."

While Barron may have hoped that his team would be further along at this point of the season, he knew that adjusting to a new approach wasn't going to happen overnight.

"We didn't expect this to be easy," added Barron, who guided the Tigers to a 21-7 record last season as the team tied Brown and Dartmouth for the Ivy League title and set a program record for most wins in a season.

"We've lost Becky Brown [who scored 1,608 points in her Princeton career]; the offense went through her. We also have two new coaches. We have to be patient."

Barron has faith that his team will get in sync. "The talent level is good; certainly good enough to win in our league," said Barron, whose team was picked to win the Ivies by the preseason media poll. "The team chemistry is great; we have a group of girls who want to do well."

Junior star Meg Cowher has been doing well for the Tigers as she leads the team in scoring with 16.8 points a game and rebounding with an average of 10.3. Cowher had a season-high 20 points and a career-best 14 rebounds in the win over Lehigh.

Senior captain Casey Lockwood has also gotten off to a fast start, averaging 13.8 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest. Lockwood chipped in 15 points and eight rebounds in the Lehigh victory.

Barron, though, knows that other players have to increase their production. "We want more balance," explained Barron, whose team is averaging 62.2 points a game and is shooting 39.5 percent from the field and just 20.6 percent from the three-point range.

"We don't want Meg scoring 20 points one night and then Casey getting 20 points the next game and having everybody averaging around nine points. We need more people in double figures every game."

With Princeton hosting St. Joseph's (1-3) on November 29 before heading to Chicago this weekend for the Northwestern Tournament, Barron is hoping his club can take some more steps in the right direction.

"They are struggling a little bit but it's not going to be an easy game," said Barron, noting that Princeton fell to St. Joe's 58-46 in its season opener last season.

"They have some athletes and some big kids. We have to understand that if we play our game better, we're going to cause some matchup problems for them. We're looking for more efficiency. The pace has been fine, the number of possessions we are getting is good. We need to shoot better; this offense can create good shots but tt can't make them."

—Bill Alden

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FALL REVIEW

PHS Soccer's MacDonald, Stuart Field Hockey's Bruvik Earn the Nod as Town Topics' Top Fall Performers

He is tall and lanky, looking more like a basketball forward than a high-scoring soccer striker.

Towering above most of his foes and teammates, senior Ross MacDonald played a major role in helping the Princeton High boys' soccer team rise above the competition this fall.

Looking to end his soccer career with a bang, MacDonald proved to be a dangerous finisher all season long for the Little Tigers. He started the season by scoring twice in PHS' opening day 8-0 rout of Hamilton.

In late October, MacDonald produced the most sensational outing of his PHS career in the team's regular season finale against Ewing. With the game knotted at 1-1 with 24 minutes left in the second half, MacDonald proceeded to score five goals over the next 22 minutes as the Little Tigers cruised to an 8-1 romp.

"It feels good," said MacDonald, reflecting on his career day. "I was hoping to score one goal today, maybe two but not five. It started to feel a little easier, the confidence shot up. Today things were definitely going my way; everything seemed to go right."

Things continued to go right for MacDonald and the Little Tigers as the state tournament rolled around. With MacDonald providing a consistent target up front, PHS forged a memorable run through the Central Jersey Group III sectional. In the Little Tigers' opening round game against Neptune, MacDonald found the back of the net twice as PHS rolled to a 5-1 victory.

Three games later, MacDonald, who also plays for the PHS hoops team, made his last home soccer appearance something to savor as he chipped in a goal as PHS bested Monroe 2-1 in the sectional final.

The Little Tigers fought valiantly but ended up falling to Shawnee 1-0 in the Group III semifinals. On the season, MacDonald tallied a team-high 18 goals as PHS finished with a 17-4 mark.

In the wake of the loss to Shawnee, PHS head coach Wayne Sutcliffe lauded the contributions made by MacDonald and his classmates.

"The absolutely greatest group; they are all great leaders," asserted Sutcliffe, whose seniors included Michael Lynch, Peter Miller, Casey Rahn, Jason Barber, Alex Filipiak and Jeff Adiletta in addition to MacDonald.

"They put four years in; they were all freshmen in 2003 when we got to the state semis. They wanted to get back to this game and hopefully to the final. Their efforts renewed our program as being a competitive program statewide."

And for being the top gun in that stellar group, MacDonald is the choice as the Town Topics' top male performer of the fall season.

Top Female Performer

Kelly Bruvik experienced a lot of success in her first three seasons with the Stuart Country Day field hockey team.

As a sophomore in 2004, the high-scoring attacker helped Stuart set a program best in single-season wins with a 17-3 mark as the Tartans won the state Prep B championship. In her junior year, Bruvik came up big again as the Tartans went 17-1-2 and took the program's first-ever Mercer County Tournament title.

Coming into this fall, Bruvik and her fellow seniors were determined to help keep the Stuart juggernaut rolling. "We lost some really good seniors last year," said Bruvik, whose classmates on the team included Liz Colicchio, Eleanor Hayes-Larson, Megan Fitzpatrick, and Amy Sismondo.

"We knew what we had to do. We had a lot of returning players who had been in a lot of situations. We knew what it would take to win."

The Tartans served notice early on that they were going to be tough to beat as they swamped Hightstown 6-1 in the season opener with Bruvik registering one goal. Stuart kept rolling through the regular season, entering the MCT and state Prep tournaments with an undefeated record.

In the MCT, Bruvik would not let the Tartans fold as she scored a late goal in a tense 1-0 win over local rival Princeton Day School in the county semis. In the championship game, Bruvik scored a goal as Stuart routed nemesis Allentown to cruise to the crown.

Bringing an 18-0-1 mark into the state Prep championship game against Lawrenceville, Bruvik and her teammates engaged in a fierce battle with the Big Red as the game was deadlocked 0-0 heading into the last minute of regulation. Lawrenceville broke through with a goal on a penalty corner to win the title and hand Stuart its only loss of a marvelous fall.

While Bruvik and her classmates shed some tears after the defeat to Lawrenceville, there were plenty of smiles mixed in as they contemplated what they had accomplished.

Bruvik's mother, Stuart head coach Missy Bruvik, put things in perspective in the wake of the Lawrenceville loss as she reflected on what her senior class had accomplished.

"They took it to a new level," asserted coach Bruvik ."They moved up with their experience and definitely set a standard for next year's team. They leave the program in great shape."

The speedy Bruvik, who will be playing at Bucknell next fall, ended up 2006 with 21 goals and 13 assists. Over her glittering career, Bruvik tallied 66 goals and 43 assists, breaking Tracy Statter's school scoring record. .

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BIG MAC: Princeton High senior forward Ross MacOonald, left, controls the ball in action this season. MacOonald's productivity up front helped spark PHS to a 17-4 record and the Central Jersey Group III sectional title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

SURE SHOT: Stuart County Day senior attacker Kelly Bruvik, left, fires away in Stuart's 4-0 win over Allentown in the Mercer County Tournament championship game. Bruvik ended 2006 with 21 goals and 13 assists as Stuart went 18-1-1. Over her glittering career, Bruvik tallied 66 goals and 43 assists, breaking Tracy Stafter's school scoring record. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Fall Review

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For setting a standard that will be hard to match, Bruvik is the pick as the Town Topics' top female performer of the fall season.

Top Newcomers

Kenny Howard didn't waste any time making an impact for the Hun School football.

The junior transfer from Plainfield started his Hun career with a 112-yard effort in the Raiders' 7-6 opening day win over Worcester in mid-September. He followed that up a week later with a scintillating performance against Mercersburg as he rushed for 212 yards and four touchdowns to spark Hun to a 53-13 rout of the Blue Wave.

Hun head coach Dave Dudeck was certainly happy to have the 5'10, 215-pound Howard aboard. "Kenny is a wonderful kid," said Dudeck of his star back. "He's come to Hun and he has shown well both as a student and an athlete."

Howard showed well the rest of the fall as he piled up a team-high 820 yards rushing on 98 carries for a sparkling average of 8.4 yards per attempt. He led Hun in touchdowns with 11, helping to pace the Raiders to a 7-2 overall record and a 5-0 mark in Mid-Atlantic Prep League play as the program won its second MAPL crown in the last three seasons.

Howard's success as a running back came down to a simple formula. "I've learned the hard way that when I get hit, I have to keep my legs moving," said Howard, who was a starting linebacker but reserve running back at Plainfield. "I say to myself that I'm going to hit them before they hit me. I've been doing it for two years now so it's coming more and more naturally to me."

For keeping his legs moving through and past the opposition in an outstanding debut season for Hun, Howard is the Town Topics' choice as the top male newcomer of the fall season.

The sight of Lauren Constantini across the tennis net does not initially strike fear into the hearts of her opponents.

Standing barely five feet tall, the Princeton Day School freshman doesn't look like she could blow anyone off the court.

But with her combination of penetrating groundstrokes and fierce competitiveness, Constantini emerged as an intimidating force for the Panthers this fall. She went 11-3 at third singles, playing a major role in the reversal of PDS' fortunes as it went from 2-11 in 2005 to an 8-7 mark this fall.

From the minute Constantini walked on the court, PDS head coach Patty Headley knew she had something special on her hands.

"She just showed up this summer as a freshman and from my years of playing and coaching tennis, I could see that she has 'it,'" said Headley in assessing her precocious freshman.

"She has a confidence, an attitude that is almost cocky. A lot of kids have great skills but she has mental toughness. She has good ground strokes and great anticipation; she's speedy and thoughtful."

For giving PDS a major lift that helped it produce a turnaround season, Constantini gets the nod as the Town Topics' top female newcomer of the fall season.

Top Coaches

Any hope that Chris Kingston may have had that his Hun School boys' soccer team would have smooth sailing the fall ended in the team's season opener.

In Hun's 3-3 tie with WW/P-S that day, Raider senior star and team leader Matt Sanford went down with a foot injury after scoring two goals. Sanford ended up being sidelined for two months with what turned out to be a fracture. Along the way, Hun suffered other injuries as such stars as David Putman and Matt Florio, among others, ailed during the season.

While Hun could've let such setbacks drag it down, the Raiders' focus never wavered. Featuring a balanced, well-drilled offense and a tenacious defense, the Raiders piled up win after win.

Bringing the No. 2 seed into the Mercer County Tournament, Hun showed its competitive fire as it pulled out a hard-fought 1-0 win over Princeton High in the MCT semis and then outlasted top-seeded Notre Dame in the title game, winning in a penalty shootout after the teams were deadlocked at 0-0 through 100 minutes of play.

Hun finished its season by fighting valiantly in a 4-0 loss in the state Prep A final to St. Benedict's, the nation's top-ranked team.

In reflecting on Hun's MCT title, star goalie David Putman summed up what made the team special as it produced a stellar 15-3-1 record.

"We believe in each other," said Putman. "We worked hard in the preseason; we were running every day. It just all came together for us. We've been facing adversity all year with Matt Sanford out. We got lucky and it worked out for us."

Hun was also lucky to have a steady hand at the helm in Kingston who is the choice as the Town Topics' top coach among male teams this fall.

After advancing to the Central Jersey Group III sectional final in 2002 and the sectional semi a year later, the Princeton High girls' soccer team went through some lean times.

The proud program posted a 7-9 record in 2004 and then sputtered to a 4-11 campaign in 2005. Coming into this fall, PHS head coach Greg Hand was hoping to get the program back on track through blending a core of developing young players with a hardy group of seniors.

By mid-September, the Little Tigers matched its 2005 win output as it got off to a 4-0 start, sparked by senior defender Merle Redding, juniors Hannah Deming and Olivia Johnston, sophomore Hannah Davis, and a pair of precocious freshmen forwards, Emma Karp and Chantal Celestin.

While the Little Tigers struggled a bit in the midseason as they battled some of the tougher sides in the area, PHS came on with a rush. After dropping to 4-4-1 at one point, PHS won five of their last seven regular season games to return to the state tournament.

PHS proves it was not just happy to be there as it topped Monroe 2-1 in the Central jersey Group III opening round, led by two goals from Karp. The eighth-seeded Little Tigers produced their most stirring effort of the season as they went to top-seeded Freehold Boro in the sectional semis and fought the Patriots tooth and nail. The Little Tigers surrendered a goal in the second half but never stopped going forward as they fell 1-0 to the eventual Group III co-champions.

In the wake of the loss to Freehold, Hand lauded his team's effort that day and all season long. "Freehold is very talented but our girls fought them every step of the way," said Hand, whose team finished with a 10-7-1 record. "I think we came a long way in terms of the soccer we played. Equally important was the mentality and heart that developed."

For helping develop that winning mentality, Hand gets the nod as the Town Topics' top coach among female teams.

—Bill Alden

ON THE LOOSE: Hun School junior running back Kenny Howard breaks into the clear in action this fall. Howard gained a team-high 820 yards as Hun went 7-2 overall and 5-0 in Mid-Atlantic Prep League play, winning its second MAPL title in the last three seasons.

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FOR THE RECORD: Princeton High senior star Alexz Henriques bolts away to a big gain in action this fall. Henriques rushed for 1,130 yards this season, ending his career with a program-record total of 3,582 yards. Henriques' heroics helped PHS rebound from an 0-4 start as the Little Tigers went 4-2 down the stretch to end the season with a 4-6 mark.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Displaying Character, Competitive Spirit, PHS Football Went 4-2 Down the Stretch

It was just September 29 but it looked like it might be lights out on the Princeton High football team's chance of enjoying any success this fall.

PHS fell 24-6 to Notre Dame that night, dropping to 0-4 on the season. Plagued by turnovers with a defense struggling to hold the fort, the Little Tigers were well on their way to a dismal season.

But sparked by a group of resilient seniors and some increasingly competitive younger player, PHS came alive.

The Little Tigers won four of their last five regular season games, bringing a 4-5 record into their NJSIAA consolation contest against Long Branch earlier this month.

While PHS fell 36-14 to the Green Wave, the Little Tigers competed hard to the end as they scored 14 points in the fourth quarter.

PHS head coach Steve Everette was proud of the fight his club showed in its finale. "We played ridiculously hard but we had too many turnovers," said Everette. "We ended the season like we started; they scored on three of our eight turnovers."

A pair of seniors, quarterback Johnny Mitko and wide receiver Tyler Moni, certainly ended their careers on a high note in the loss to Long Branch.

Mitko hit on 14-of-29 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns while Moni had eight receptions for 146 yards and a touchdown. "Johnny played well," said Everette. "He struggled with new receivers, new tight ends and a new offensive line. When things were bad; he didn't give up. He kept plugging. Tyler was a stud for us all year; he ended up as the best receiver in the CVC."

The way Mitko and Moni kept plugging rubbed off on their teammates as PHS showed plenty of character in bouncing back from their slow start.

"It means the kids never gave up," said Everette, reflecting on his team's turnaround. "It bodes well for the future. We are young on both lines; the kids really grew up and played hard. We had two sophomores on the offensive line and three juniors on the defensive line. Those kids definitely learned some big lessons."

Senior stars Elliott Schreffler and Sascha Hopson helped keep the PHS defense playing hard. "Elliott and Sascha led our defense," said Everette, who has guided PHS to a 15-15 record over the last three seasons as the program has made itself competitive once again.

"Sascha had close to 100 tackles. He stayed on the kids in the right way. Elliott made all of our defensive adjustments at linebacker. We didn't have him for the Long Branch game and that hurt."

The Little Tiger who hurt the opposition the most this fall was sensational senior running back Alexz Henriques.

"It's hard to say with players in the past like Paul Miles and Marques Johnson but Alexz may go down as the most complete football player in program history," asserted Everette of the 5'9, 175-pound Henriques who piled up a program record 3,582 yards rushing in his career. "He blocked punts, he caught passes, he returned kickoffs and he still gained 1,100 yards rushing. He gained the 1,100 yards the hard way, 165 was his best game. He gave us energy all the time."

Everette sees that kind of energy in his returning players. "The kids are bugging me asking when I can open the weight room," said Everette, who will be looking for leadership from such rising seniors as Doug Borchert, Luke LaVoie, Alex Bozich, John Miranda, and Joe Cifelli. "They know what it takes to win and they want to do it. I'm very excited; it's going to be a fun off season."

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PDS Football Struggled to 1-6 Season; Hopes Tough Lessons Will Help in Future

In 2005, just about everything went right for the Princeton Day School football team.

Led by a group of talented and battle-hardened seniors, the Panthers went 7-1, tying a program record for most wins in a season.

This fall, however, Murphy's law prevailed as just about everything that could go wrong for PDS, did go wrong.

Starting the season with just 27 players, PDS had lost three starting linemen and its starting fullback to injuries by week three.

As untested freshmen moved into the lineup by necessity, the losses piled up and the injury bug worsened.

Moreover, the Panthers' schedule turned out to be a bear as six of its seven opponents posted winning records.

When it was all over, PDS ended with a final record of 1-6, opting not to play its last scheduled game against St. Joseph's Palisades as 14 players were unable to suit up due to injury.

In reflecting on the disappointing fall, PDS head coach Bruce Devlin admitted that he had to scale expectations down as the adversity kept coming.

"We were looking for the kids to improve and have fun," said Devlin, whose team was outscored 215-85 this season. "We told them it doesn't matter what the scoreboard says."

In the final game it played, PDS did have fun as it fell 26-20 to Delaware Military Academy. "It went down to the wire, we had the ball with one minute left but we didn't have any timeouts left," said Devlin, noting that junior quarterback Clint O'Brien ended the season on a high note as he passed for 200 yards and rushed for 140. "There was a lot of hooting and hollering on the sidelines. It was good to play a close game at the end."

Junior quarterback O'Brien and his classmate, running back Mike Shimkin, held things together for the Panthers.

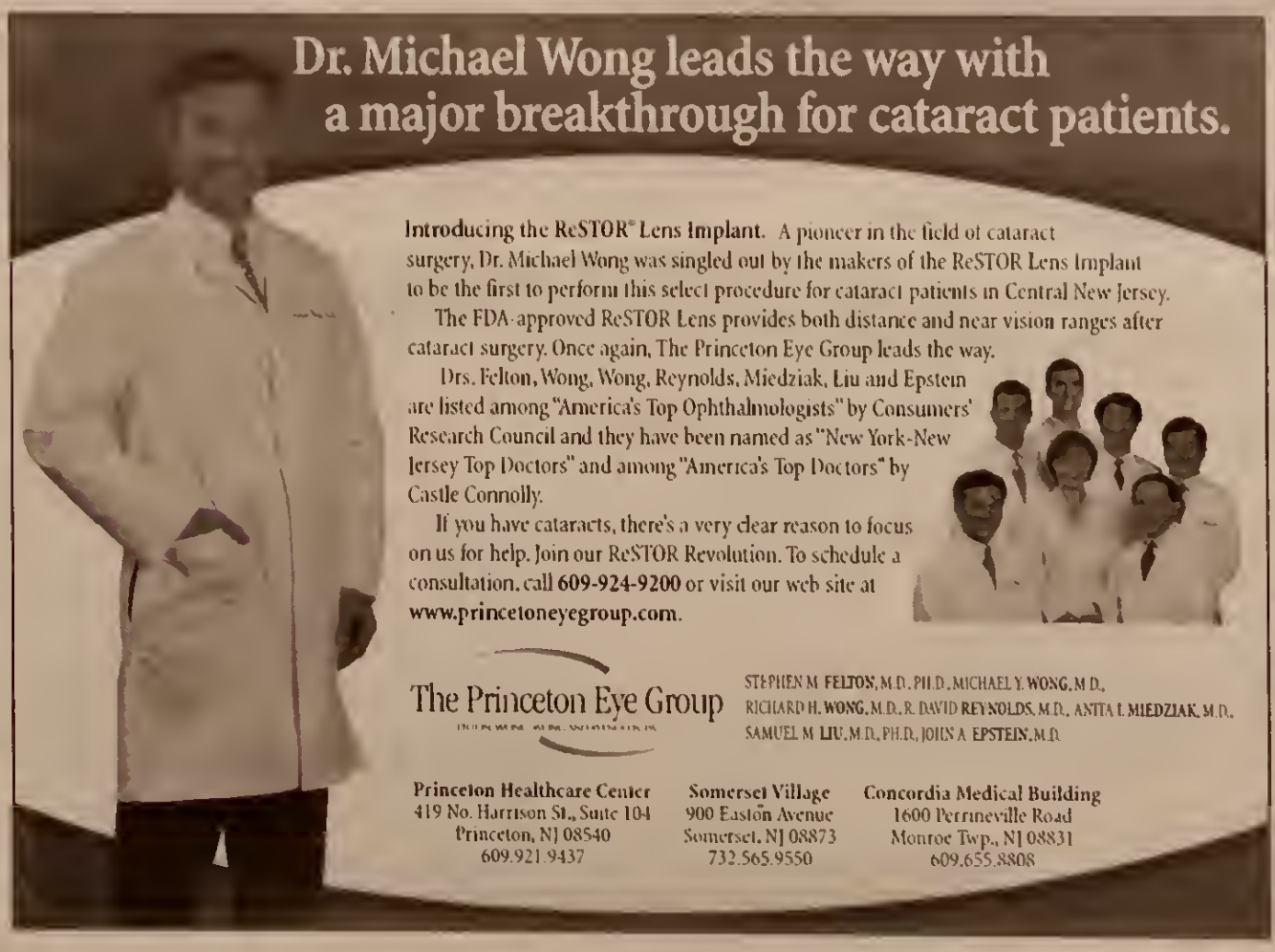
"O'Brien had a great year," asserted Devlin, whose team's sole win came when it beat George School 34-6 in late September.

"He did it all, defense, and kicking the ball. He ran for close to 600 yards and passed for more than 600. Shimkin had almost 500 yards rushing; he started off well but when the linemen went down, it was tough."

Devlin is hoping the tough lessons learned by his younger players will benefit the program in the long run.

"I think some of the younger kids got stronger but found that when playing against the older kids; it was a mismatch," said Devlin. "They have to get stronger. They didn't hang their heads; they competed."

—Bill Alden



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Hun Football Showed Heart to the End In Producing Memorable 7-2 Campaign

Trailing 14-0 after two quarters at Trinity Pawling in its season finale, the Hun School football team could've gone through the motions and quietly hit the bus for the long ride home.

After all, Hun came into the game with a 6-2 record and had already won the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title, posting an undefeated season in league play.

But inspired by some fiery halftime broadsides from the coaching staff, the Raiders were pumped up as they hit the field for the second half.

Hun marched 85 yards in 13 plays and scored on a nine-yard pass from Shane Davis to Matt Cortina to narrow the gap to 14-7.

After a Trinity Pawling fumble minutes later, Hun got on the board again. This time, Davis found Kevin Gallagher in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown pass as the Raiders knotted the game at 14-14.

The game went into overtime and Hun drew first blood as Nick Williams scored on a 4-yard run to go ahead 21-14. Gallagher then came up with a big play on defense as he made an interception to stop Trinity Pawling and cap the stunning comeback.

Hun head coach Dave Dudeck won't soon forget the way his team ended this fall. "That was one of the funnest, wildest football games I have ever seen," said Dudeck.

"We were getting beat 14-0 but it should've been worse. Talent-wise they were one of the best teams we had seen all year. Our guys had already proven themselves."

Dudeck acknowledged that his team needed some words of inspiration at intermission to prove something to Trinity Pawling.

"At halftime, some of our coaches got agitated and excited," recalled Dudeck with a wry chuckle. "They were able to get the kids where they needed to be emotionally. We also made some adjustments with the Xs and Os on both sides of the ball."

Hun got inspiring performances from Williams and Gallagher. "Nick played with a cast on his right hand," said Dudeck.

"He played tailback for us all day long. He made a big catch despite the cast. He made three interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

BREAKING THROUGH: Hun School senior receiver Kevin Gallagher tries to get away from a Peddie tackler in Hun's 14-0 win over the Falcons in late October. Gallagher ended the season tied with Austin Sylvester for the team lead in receptions with 15. Gallagher had 189 receiving yards and two touchdowns as Hun went 7-2 overall and 5-0 in Mid-Atlantic Prep League play, taking its second MAPL crown in the last three seasons.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

Gallagher has really made progress as a football player. He has always been a leader but he's gotten more physical which is great to see."

For Dudeck, the leadership exerted by Gallagher and his senior classmates has made this a fall to savor. "They really stayed together as a team; they put the team first and themselves second," asserted Dudeck.

"It was a special group of kids; it was a special group of parents. Every year you hope for something like that but it only happens once in a while. I really rooted hard for these kids."

In Dudeck's view, senior Brad Pietras epitomized the team's attitude of self-sacrifice. "Bradley played offensive line and linebacker," said Dudeck. "He weighed 205 pounds soaking wet and at times he went against guys that were around 300. He plays on our special teams and he doesn't get off the field. He keeps on coming, he keeps on coming."

Another player who came on was Brian Greats as he made a big contribution after being a reserve in the early stages in the season.

"Brian ended up starting the last three games of the season," said Dudeck. "He got an interception and he was laughing with joy as he came off the field."

Hun's passing combination of Davis and Cortina gave Hun joy as the season went on. "Shane got to show that he is a leader and a winner," said Dudeck of the strong-armed quarterback who passed for 790 yards and six touchdowns.

"We may not have put up big numbers in the passing game but he hit some clutch passes. Matt came within inches of winning the game against Poly Prep; it was great to see him do it and get that touchdown against Trinity Pawling."

In Dudeck's view, the legacy of the seniors should impact the program next season. "We said to the younger guys you felt how special this team was and hopefully we can continue that approach," said Dudeck.

"Next year will probably be one of the youngest teams we've ever had. We will be losing a lot of players; hopefully the attitude will remain."

—Bill Alden

DOUBLE DUTY: Hun School senior lineman Brad Pietras prepares to make a block in action this fall. Pietras' solid play on both sides of the line helped Hun post a 7-2 record this fall. The Raiders ended their season by rallying from a 14-point deficit to top Trinity Pawling 21-14.

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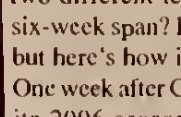

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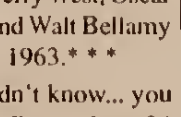

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Overcoming Adversity Throughout the Fall, Hun Boys' Soccer Posts Superb 15-3-1 Mark

The injury bug hit the Hun School boys' soccer team in its season opener.

Hun star senior defender Matt Sanford twisted his foot badly after scoring two goals in the Raiders' 3-3 tie with WW/P-S.

Sanford ended up missing nearly two months with what turned out to be a broken foot. Sanford's injury was just the first of many for Hun as stars like goalie David Putman and Matt Florio among others, ailed at various points.

While the Raiders could've used the injuries as an excuse for not playing up to their potential, instead they used adversity as a rallying point as the team produced one of the best seasons in the program's history.

The Raiders posted a final mark of 15-3-1, winning the Mercer County Tournament for the first time ever and advancing to the state Prep A title game.

In reflecting on the season, Hun head coach Chris Kingston was proud of the character his players showed all fall.

"The guys had one challenge after the other," said Kingston. "We had injuries, a tough draw in the county tournament, and some long trips. It got to the point where they almost enjoyed adversity; they embraced it."

The Raiders rose to the occasion even as they fell 4-0 to national powerhouse St. Benedict's in the Prep A title game.

"I was pleased with the guys; they did really well," said Kingston. "It's obviously a tough task. They are the No. 1 team in the country and we had to go up to Newark and play on their turf field that they use all the time. We were down 1-0 at the half and we had the best chances of the half. We felt like we were in the game; we felt like we could compete. We had a game plan and we executed it."

The game plan for Hun all fall was to share the scoring duties. "We had incredible balance, almost perfect balance," said Kingston who got 10 goals from Jelani Rooks, eight from Matt Florio, and seven apiece from Mike Williams and Andrew Mino.

"We had four guys who made the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) first team (Putman, Florio, Rooks, and Ryan Kreger) and three other guys who were on the Prep A first team (Ryan Breen, Williams, and Mino)."

Hun's core of seniors played a key role in getting the team to work together. "The seniors might not be the most skilled guys but you can't underestimate their contribution," asserted Kingston, whose core of seniors included Breen, Williams, and Mino.

"They set the tone on the field with how hard they played and they set the tone at practice with how hard they worked."

The anchor for Hun was junior goalie Putman, who played through an injured shoulder over the last few weeks of the season. "He was awesome," said Kingston of his keeper who posted 11 shutouts this fall.

"He was a field player so he is really good with his feet. He has good size and natural talent. I don't know where we would have been without him."

Putman came up huge in the MCT final against Notre Dame when he made two saves in the shootout to help Hun to the title.

In Kingston's view, that title spoke volumes about his team's toughness. "I don't think that win gave us confidence, it reflected confidence," said Kingston.

"It was sweeter because two years ago we had been in the final and lost. Two years ago we went undefeated in the league but lost in the MCT. This year we won the MCT but didn't go undefeated in the league. We have set the bar higher."

And in a strange way, Sanford's injury on day one may have been a blessing in disguise in terms of forcing the rest of the Hun players to get more out of themselves.

"It might've helped us in a way," said Kingston. "The guys really rely on Matt. Without him there, they had to step up and raise the level of their game."

—Bill Alden

TIME TO CELEBRATE: Hun School senior Andrew Mino, left, and Matt Florio celebrate after a goal in an early-season contest. Hun had a lot to celebrate this season as it went 15-3-1, winning the Mercer County Tournament and taking second in the state Prep A tourney. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

KING-SIZED TASK: Hun School boys' soccer head coach Chris Kingston makes a point during a game this fall. Kingston's guidance helped Hun overcome several injuries this fall as it posted a 15-3-1 season, winning the program's first Mercer County Tournament title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Women in Development of Mercer County, a nonprofit professional association of women in the field of development, will host a presentation by Ronald A. Brown, Princeton University's Director of Gift Planning, at a networking luncheon on Thursday, November 30 at the St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center from noon to 1:30 p.m. The luncheon is open to WID members and their guests.

Titled "Time-Tested Fund Raising Ideas from the 18th Century," Mr. Brown's talk will address the ways in which fund-raising today is much like it was 250 years ago. A certified financial planner with 27 years of experience in working with high net worth individuals and their professional advisors, Mr. Brown is recognized as a national leader in gift planning. He will discuss developing an effective case, use of direct mail, handling pledges, direct personal solicitations, drawings(lotteries), and bequests, using examples from 1745 to 1772.

For more information, call WID administrator Meredith Murray at (609) 371-9714.

New Jersey Students for Peace, the student affiliate for the Coalition for Peace Action, will present its semi-annual Peace Fest this Friday, December 1 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road.

The event will include free food, henna, stenciled t-shirts, and music by five area bands — Alterior, Sarah Donner, String Theory, Dylan Roth, and Shrimp Skillet and the Jambalayas.

Admission will be a $5 suggested donation at the door. For more information visit the Coalition for Peace Action website at www.peacecoalition.org or call (609) 924-5022.

The **Piano Teachers Forum**, an organization of professional piano teachers that meets the first Friday of every month, will meet on Friday, December 1 at Jacobs Music on Route 1 in Lawrenceville. The program will be "Teaching Dance Music," presented by Marvin Blickenstaff.

Mr. Blickenstaff is known among piano teachers internationally for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. He teaches privately in the Philadelphia area and at the New School for Music Study in Princeton. He is board president of the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy and serves on the executive planning committee of the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy.

Using selections from the Forum's syllabus for the 2007 Festival with the theme "Let's Dance," Mr. Blickenstaff will discuss the dance forms, their interpretation, and steps for effective teaching, practice, and performance.

For directions and more information about the Piano Teachers Forum, call Jean Parsons at (609) 921-1510. Non-members are welcome for a $10 fee at the door.

The **Delaware & Raritan Canal Watch** is sponsoring an evening walk along the canal towpath on Sunday, December 3, beginning at the Kingston canal house off Route 27 at 7:45 p.m. and ending at the Millstone River aqueduct. The timing of the walk will allow the nearly full "cold moon" to light the way as it reflects off the canal and nearby Lake Carnegie.

The free walk is open to the public and no reservations are necessary. Cloudy skies will cancel the walk.

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Obituaries

I. Oliver Karraker Jr.

I. Oliver Karraker Jr., 91, a Princeton resident since 1960, died November 23 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

He was born in Jonesboro, Illinois, the son of Helen Elsie Rendleman Karraker and I. Oliver Karraker Sr.

He earned a B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in French from the University of Illinois.

He began an academic career as a professor of French at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N.C. During World War II he was a civilian instructor in airplane mechanics for the U.S. Air Force in Lincoln, Neb., and Chanute Field, Ill. In 1944 he joined Western Electric as a product engineer and at the time of his retirement remained in the engineering field. At retirement he was Manager, Quality Assurance East in the Engineering Division. Prior to his promotion to this position he spent two years in Princeton as assistant manager of research administration and director of the Lehigh University Master's Program.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Martha L. Karraker; two daughters, Ruth Kreider and Joyce Edwards; a brother, Louis Karraker; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was November 28 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lauren J. McFeaters of Nassau Presbyterian Church officiating.

Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Illinois University Foundation, Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, Ill. 62901; or to the American Cancer Society of New Jersey, Mercer County Chapter, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville 08648.

Craig A. Roughgarden

Craig August Roughgarden, 46, of Hamilton Township, formerly of Princeton, died November 10 at home.

Born in Patterson, he had been a resident of Princeton most of his life before moving to Hamilton Township.

A graduate of Princeton High School, he worked in the grounds department for Princeton University and as a self-employed carpenter.

He was a member of Princeton Fire Company No. 1 and a fan of the New York Yankees.

He was predeceased by his mother, Elizabeth Roughgarden, and a brother, Kenneth. He is survived by his father, Harold C. Roughgarden of Las Vegas; three brothers, Skip of Lumberton, Keith of Robbinsville, and Glenn; and a sister, Dallas Roughgarden of Las Vegas.

The funeral and burial will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Flory Toto III

Flory Toto III, 63, of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of Princeton, died October 20.

Born in Princeton, he moved to Florida with his family in 1987.

He attended school in the Princeton area, where he grew up, then served in the U.S. Navy.

Predeceased by his parents, Flory and Katie Toto, he is survived by his wife, Josephine Toto; a daughter, Tara Toto; a son, Flory IV; a sister, Brenda Vernon; a brother, David; a grandson; and a lifelong friend, Alphonse Baldino.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street. A reception will follow the service at the home of Brenda and Stephen Vernon, 425 Mt. Lucas Road.

Mildred Scudder

Mildred Scudder, 87, of Cranbury, formery of Princeton, died November 20 at home.

Born in Princeton, she lived in Princeton most of her life before moving to Cranbury 20 years ago. She was educated in the Princeton Public Schools and was a graduate of Princeton High School.

She was a retired employee of Princeton Medical Center.

The daughter of the late James and Virginia Monroe and wife of the late Eugene Scudder, she is survived by a daughter, Jeanie Mallock; a son, James Scudder; a granddaughter; and a special cousin, Blanche Chase.

The funeral service was November 28 at the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton, with Dr. W. Arthur Lewis officiating.

Interment was in Ewing Cemetery.

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The **Princeton Theological Seminary's Center of Continuing Education** will offer a pre-holidays workshop, titled "Making the Best of the Holiday Blues." The winter holidays, though festive and full of family activities, can be a difficult time, often called the Holiday Blues. The workshop encourages sharing and explores coping mechanisms to help make the holiday season more meaningful as one lives it and more satisfying as one looks back on it.

The workshop, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Adams House Living Room, adjacent to Erdman Hall, 12 Library Place. It will be led by Nancy Schongalla-Bowman, a licensed marriage and family therapist.

For more information or to register, call (609) 497-7990, or visit www.ptsem.edu/ce.

The American Friends Service Committee, joined by the Quaker United Nation Programs senior staff, will host a conversation at the Princeton Friends Meetinghouse this Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 p.m. The topic will be "Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution Initiatives in Africa and the U.S."

A light lunch will be served prior to the gathering. Those planning to attend are asked to call John Borden at (609) 924-3637 so that he may plan for the refreshments.

The Compassionate Friends, Mercer Chapter will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Occupational Health Center, Building No. 2 in front of Robert Wood Johnson Hospital on Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Road in Hamilton.

The guest speaker will be Carlyn Hard from Samaritan Hospice, who will discuss sibling grief. A question and answer period will follow.

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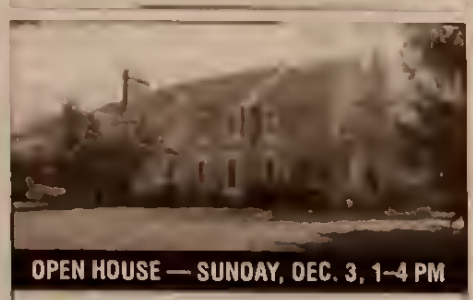

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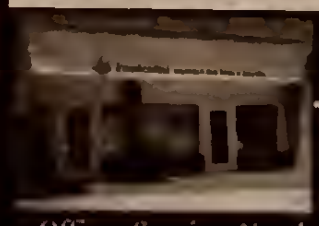

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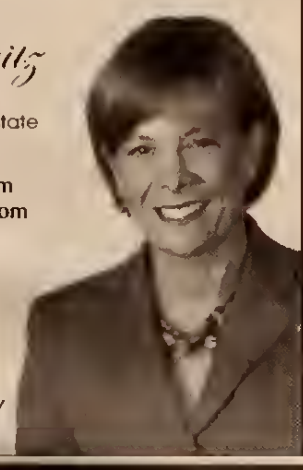

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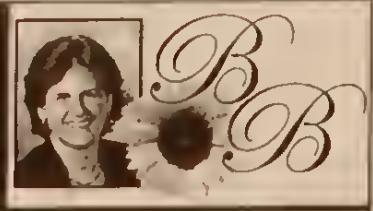

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Area Restaurants Combine Food and Festivities for the Holidays

The average weight gain for holiday revelers between Thanksgiving and New Year's is reported to be five to eight pounds. There are those who not only will attest to the truth of this statement, but will maintain it was all worth it.

No wonder! With the food and festivities at full tilt all through December, temptation is tantalizing, and too often, irresistible.

The aroma of freshly baked cookies, homemade bread just out of the oven, roasting chickens and turkeys, steaming bowls of soup, while trees are trimmed and packages wrapped, these are so often the images of home during the holidays. Food and festivities are uniquely intertwined this time of year.

It is also certainly true of the area restaurants and food emporiums, which have their own blend of traditions and special dishes. And unlike Thanksgiving, when nearly everyone celebrates with turkey and all the trimmings, the December holidays are marked by a variety of food traditions and customs.

Lots of It

"There is a lot of diversity with food over the holidays," says Sue Simpkins, owner of Main Street's restaurants and catering service. "It really depends on the cultural and ethnic traditions of the people. For example, Italian families often have fish dinners on Christmas Eve. Jewish families celebrate Hanukkah with their own food customs. Every family and every ethnic group has its own traditions, and sometimes, it's a blend."

And whatever the tradition, food is often the centerpiece, and there is lots of it!

Restaurants are never busier than at this time of year. In addition to regular seasonal changes, which most restaurants incorporate into their menus, many will add special holiday dishes, and also, many have multi-course New Year's Eve dinners.

At the Main Street Euro-American Bistro & Bar in the Princeton Shopping Center, certain dishes always find their way onto the menu during the holidays, and if they don't, customers ask for them, says Ms. Simpkins.

"Civet de poulet is a special holiday dish of chicken with dried plums. It's also a great dish to have at a party in addition to ham and beef, if you want another protein."

Desserts are a specialty, both at the Bistro & Bar and at Main Street's Kingston Eatery & Gourmet Bakery, adds Ms. Simpkins. "Buche de Noel is a specialty, and we also have a wonderful pumpkin cheesecake. Others we always have are gingerbread bread pudding with ginger ice cream, also apple tart, and chocolate roulade filled with peppermint ice cream. And, of course, there is our classic all-butter Christmas cookie assortment."

Old-fashioned edible gifts are the highlight at Kingston, she points out. "We call Kingston an 'edible boutique'! Lots of holiday desserts, gift baskets, teachers' and hostess gifts, as well as take-out platters and appetizers to pick up quickly are all on hand."

Open House

This year Main Street/ Kingston will hold two holiday open houses, when visitors may sample refreshments, such as cider, cook-

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Cheddar Ale Soup

Hannah and Mason, Cranbury

I've chosen a recipe for a delicious soup we do, and it is especially this time of year, or even better- Super bowl time.

1 onion, diced
1 Tblsp. butter
1 clove garlic
1 oz. flour
1 qt. chicken stock
12 oz. ale/beer
1/2 lb. Cheddar cheese, grated
1/2 cup cream
Pinch dry mustard
Tabasco, to taste
Worchester, to taste

Add butter to pot and melt. Add flour to make roux. Sauté onion and garlic in roux. Add beer and chicken stock and simmer for 20 min. Add cream and simmer (don't boil), slowly add cheese while mixing. Immediately turn off heat. Season with mustard, Tabasco, and worcheschire. Garnish with chopped bacon.

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Kabocha Squash Puree Soup

Submitted by Brothers Moon, Hopewell

8 cups roasted flesh of kabocha squash
1 cup chopped Spanish onion
1 cup chopped celery
2 clove garlic
2 bay leaves
1-gallon vegetable stock
Salt and pepper
Nutmeg, cinnamon and allspice are great additions for flavoring — just use them sparingly.

1. Split, seed and roast squash in 350 degree oven until soft (approx. 1 hour), scoop the flesh from the skin and reserve for later
2. Sauté onion, celery, and garlic in a thick-bottomed pot until softened.
3. Add roasted squash, bay leaves and stock and allow soup to simmer until all vegetables are softened.
4. Puree soup in a blender until smooth.
5. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Adjust consistency with stock - bringing it to desired thickness.
7. We like to garnish with browned butter and chopped sage.

This recipe yields approx. 1½ gallons.

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ies, and appetizers. Dates are Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, and 9 and 10, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main Street's Fine Catering is also busy throughout the holidays with a full array of events, serving all sizes of functions. "Catering at Christmastime is the most complex," reports Ms. Simpkins. "We create menus and an atmosphere to suit many different personalities, traditions, and settings. We do catering for Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year's, and also corporate holiday parties. "

Many holiday menus are available, and a holiday buffet could include choices, such as American holiday table, Mediterranean table, French table, Country table, and grazing table, with each including meat or fish, selected vegetables, salad, and assorted breads.

In addition, Main Street offers a Carry-out Menu

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FESTIVE SCENE: "We have a lot of holiday parties downstairs in the Wine Cellar of Main Street's Euro-American Bistro & Bar," says owner Sue Simpkins. "Another outstanding point about the Bistro is that it's a nice respite if you've been out Christmas shopping. Stop in for a bite to eat and a glass of wine." Pictured is the Wine Cellar's private dining room in readiness for a holiday party. In the background is a mural of a festive scene, painted by artist Lael Marshall.

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with a large variety of platters of appetizers, entrees, hors d'oeuvres, soup and salads, and side dishes. This is a nice alternative to full-scale catering. A 10-person minimum order and 3 days notice are required.

A true dining landmark in Princeton is Lahiere's. About to celebrate its 88th year in business, the restaurant has been owned and operated by the Christen family for three generations. Offering contemporary American and European cuisine, Lahiere's adds to the holiday pleasure of Princeton diners with a variety of savory dishes.

"We gear the menu seasonally, and in the winter, we generally have more game, such as venison and we also have quail and pheasant which are very popular," says owner Joe Christen. "The menu is very well-distributed. We always have a lot of lamb, sirloin, and seafood, too."

Special Favorite

Desserts are a special favorite during the holidays, he adds, and as was pointed out earlier, diets are often put on hold in December. "We get a lot of people coming in during the holidays, and desserts are very popular. We always have chocolate malt cake and creme brulee, and for the holidays, we will add some specials featuring cranberries."

Lahiere's can also ac-

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Festive Apple Ginger Cake
with Cream Cheese Icing

Submitted by Chambers Walk, Lawrenceville

(makes one 9" cake)
1½ cups butter
1½ cups brown sugar
3 eggs
1½ cups molasses
1½ cups boiling water
4½ cups flour
2 Tblsp. ground ginger
1 Tblsp. cinnamon
1 Tblsp. baking soda

Grease and line pan with parchment paper. In a large bowl, cream the butter & brown sugar together. Add the eggs. Combine the boiling water & molasses & set aside. Add the dry ingredients & then the molasses/water mixture. Pour into prepared pan and bake for approximately 35 minutes @ 350 degrees, or until inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Apple Filling
4 apples, peeled, cored & sliced
4 Tblsp. sugar
2 tsp. cinnamon
dash of salt

Place all ingredients in a saucepan and cook down until apples are soft. Let cool before filling cake.

Cream Cheese Icing
16 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. butter, softened
2 lbs confectioners sugar
2 tsp. vanilla

Combine cream cheese and butter until smooth. Mix in sugar and vanilla and whip until smooth and creamy. After cake has cooled, cut into 3 layers. Fill with apple mixture; ice with cream cheese icing. Cake can be decorated with festive leaves, dried fruits or apple slices.

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Submitted by Bon Appetit, Princeton Shopping Center

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Ingredients:
2 Russet potatoes, sliced approx. ¼ inch thick
Fresh tomato diced and sprinkled with sea salt
4 oz Chevagne thinly shaved goat cheese
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions:
Roast the potato slices on a cookie sheet (spray cookie sheet with non-stick coating).
Roast until fork tender at 350 degrees, approx. 10 mins. Remove from oven, top with shavings of Chevagne and return to oven until cheese begins to melt.
Sprinkle with fresh ground pepper and add a little diced tomato to each canapé and serve immediately.

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commodate private groups of up to 60 people, tailoring the menu, and creating a personalized holiday experience, points out Mr. Christen. "We do a lot of group holiday parties of all sizes, including corporate and private. And we also always have a big New Year's Eve. We offer a special prix fixe menu, with four or five courses, including pre-appetizer, appetizer, salad, entree, and dessert. We often have two seatings, and reservations are required."

New Year's Eve will be a big night, too, at Hannah & Mason's, the popular restaurant in Cranbury. A five-course, sit-down dinner is planned, and revelers are already signing up, says owner Chris Posner.

Special holiday dishes are popular starting at Thanksgiving, he adds. "Our butternut squash soup is a big favorite — people buy quarts of it — and another very popular dish is the pumpkin-spiced pork tenderloin topped with butternut squash and compote. It's to die for!"

Another favorite is the restaurant's festive harvest salad, including apples, pears, blue cheese, walnuts, and cranberries.

"We also always have a bread pudding with cinnamon and pumpkin to reflect the season, as well as cranberry bread pudding," says Mr. Posner.

Two Hats

Hannah & Mason's which is located in an historic mid-

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS: "We have a lot of festivities here throughout the holidays, including private parties and a special New Year's Eve dinner. And we have a warm atmosphere. When folks walk through the front door, we know their names." Owners of Tre Piani (left to right) John Micalizzi, chef Jim Weaver, and Jeanne McNulty are ready to greet guests in the restaurant's downstairs "bistro" dining room.

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19th century house, is very busy with holiday parties. The upstairs and downstairs dining rooms can accommodate 60 people, and a variety of party packages is available, including wine-tasting. Corporate and private holiday functions are popular at the restaurant for lunch and dinner.

In addition, Hannah & Mason's has a full-service catering business, handling everything from brunches to cocktail parties to sit-down dinners for any size event. At this busy time of year, Mr. Posner is wearing two hats, as an off-premises caterer and an in-house restaurateur.

Also busy are the owners of Tre Piani in Princeton Forrestal Village. Jeanne McNulty, John Micalizzi, and chef/owner Jim Weaver make sure that the spacious restaurant's food and service are appetizing and congenial, and never more so than during the holidays.

Three different levels offer dining options for everyone. The downstairs bistro is informal and friendly; the dining room on the second level offers a sophisticated atmosphere and is also popular for business lunches. The third floor is the setting for private and corporate functions, including a variety of holiday parties and events.

"Actually, at some holiday parties, guests use the entire restaurant," says Ms. McNulty. "They can have cocktails and dancing on the first floor, dining stations on the second and third floors. A buffet format encourages people to utilize all three floors."

Whether it's a catered event, small private lunch, or guests enjoying a leisurely holiday dinner, Tre Piani, specializing in Italian-style cuisine and fresh, local ingredients, is noted for the variety of holiday dishes on the menu.

Catered Parties

"Heavier and heartier food is always traditional in winter and during the holidays," says Chef Weaver. "We also have quail and pheasant and traditional items, such

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as turkey. And we do a lot with cranberries. They are always popular in holiday dishes and desserts. They're traditional, local, and seasonal."

Catered parties at the restaurant often feature stations with turkey, roast beef, and fish, and smoked salmon and cheeses are also popular for catered functions, adds Mr. Micallizzi.

Tre Piani will offer a special New Year's Eve party, including a one-hour open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will feature a sampling of antipasti house specialties, soup or salad course, pasta course, entree, dessert, and coffee, with choices available in each category. A champagne toast at midnight, hats and noise-makers are included, as is live music from an 8-piece band.

"And we always have the greatest holiday decorations!" says Mr. Weaver.

A holiday favorite in Hopewell is The Brothers Moon restaurant, which also offers a prix fixe New Year's Eve dinner, featuring five courses and a variety of choices. "We don't have a bar, but people enjoy bringing their own champagne and wine of their choice, and it's a very festive evening here," says partner Beth Judge.

The Brothers Moon is a fun place for holiday parties, she adds. A separate room can seat 25 to 30, and the main dining room, 50 to 60. Menu choices vary, and in winter, hearty food is favored.

Christmas Cookies

"We definitely offer more hearty comfort food now," says Ms. Judge. "Lamb shanks, with the meat cooked and tenderized, are very popular. Also, people like duck and pheasant now. They look for that hearty — but not heavy — kind of food. We also have a lot of soup, including kabocha squash (like butternut), which is very popular and always requested.

"Desserts are in demand, too, and we do a lot with pumpkin. Also lots of Christ-

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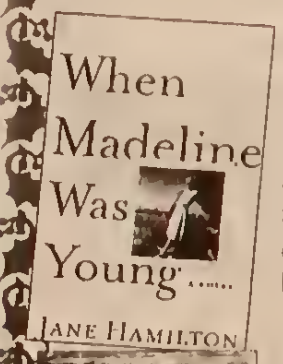
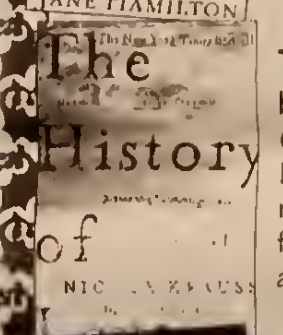


When Madeline Was Young
by Jane Hamilton

Award-winning author of The Book of Ruth and A Map of the World, Jane Hamilton is back with a richly textured novel, inspired by Elizabeth Spencer's Light in the Piazza, about a tragic accident and its effects on two generations of a family. A man and his second wife care for his first wife, who has been brain damaged in a bicycle accident.



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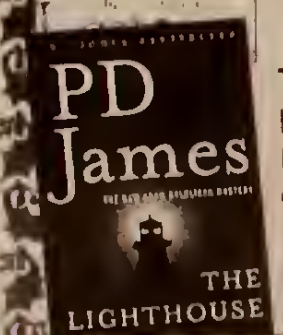

The Lighthouse
by P.D. James

P.D. James astonishes again with her latest mystery. The emotionally complex Adam Dalgliesh, policeman and poet, contends with his own personal demons as well as those of an eccentric cast of friends, lovers, and murderers.

My Name is Red
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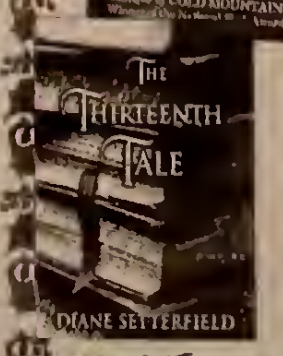
A fascinating intellectual puzzle of a book, part mystery, part art history, part religious intrigue. Nobel Prize winning author Orhan Pamuk's novel brings to life the world of 16th Century Istanbul where a squabbling group of manuscript illuminators, each with an individual point of view, argue, love, philosophize, and kill.

Thirteen Moons
by Charles Frazier

Charles Frazier's Cold Mountain won the National Book Award and Thirteen Moons is a worthy successor. Young Will Cooper, who must make his way in the alien world of the Cherokee Nation, watches the pastoral 19th Century world give way to the mechanized 20th and the enigmatic girl he yearns for becomes an elusive, irresistible woman.



The Thirteenth Tale
by Diane Setterfield

With echoes of Jane Eyre, Possession, and maybe a little Du Maurier thrown in, Diane Setterfield's debut novel keeps the reader off balance but engrossed, as a young biographer tries to tease out truth from the tangle of fantasy a writer has woven about herself.

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mas cookies — butter and traditional holiday cookies — and holiday platters are also available. And we bake lots and lots of pies!"

The Brothers Moon has a busy off-premises catering business as well. "It's the full spectrum, everything from a simple brunch or lunch to a four-course dinner," reports Ms. Judge. "We always have a lot of pick-up orders to go. You can pick up prepared trays, or you can have all the 'bells and whistles' at your home or other setting — servers, chef, etc. Right now, we are catering a party for 350."

They are also offering a special "Christmas 2006 To-Go!", says Ms. Judge. The entire Christmas dinner will be prepared, from soup to nuts, including appetizer, salad, choice of entree and side dishes, and pie. Orders must be placed by December 15, and picked up Christmas Eve, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The restaurant is presenting another holiday special, the "Chef de Cuisine". "This is a unique gift certificate purchase," explains Ms. Judge. "You get a cooking lesson for the day, cook right along with the chef, and then you can get to sit down and eat it with your friends or family that evening. It's a great Christmas surprise gift, and is really getting popular."

Chambers Walk Café & Catering in Lawrenceville has been a beacon on the dining scene for the past 20 years. Offering lunch and dinner and private parties in the café for as many as 75 to 100, it also has a large full-service catering operation. For holiday dining, it can provide an outstanding lunch, dinner, or party, says owner Mario Mangone. Specializing in a blend of American and Mediterranean cuisine, it emphasizes fresh, local ingredients.

Winter Fruits

"One of the things we like to do generally is to offer items that are locally available, particularly seasonal things. Apples, root vegetables of all kinds, winter fruits like pears, oranges, etc. And these are all great for the holidays.

"With entree items, we emphasize dishes we can braise and roast, such as veal short ribs with apple, fennel, cabbage, and Riesling demi glaze. Also, double-boned pork roast is a favorite."

Dessert specialties include buche de noel, and a dessert bar with such delights as pecan diamonds and lemon squares. "We are adding pistachio cake this season, and our apple cranberry crisp is a real holiday treat," adds Mr. Mangone.

"Our in-house parties are very popular for the holidays," he continues. "Small groups can order from the menu, and for 25 or more, it becomes a catered format."

A variety of holiday menus is available for off-premises catering, including a special "Ringing In the New Year", with hors d'oeuvres display, passed hors d'oeuvres, and dessert display. A "Holiday

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Pork Rollatini

stuffed with Arugula, Roasted Tomatoes, Pignola Nuts and Parmigiano Cheese

Served with Spinach and a Rich Red Wine Sauce

Submitted by Tre Piani, Forrestal Center

1-4lb. piece boneless pork loin
2 cups cleaned arugula
6 tomatoes, cut in half and roasted for 30 minutes in a 350 degree oven
½ cup toasted pignolia nuts
¼ cup freshly grated Parmigiano cheese
½ cup olive oil
Salt and pepper

Sauce

Carrots, diced; onion, diced; celery, diced; red wine, tomato paste, chicken stock, butter

Other ingredients

Spinach, Garlic, Chives

Method:

For the pork: Remove the fat from the pork loin and butterfly. Lay a piece of plastic wrap over the pork and with the smooth side of the mallet, pound both sides. Brush the olive oil on the pork and season with salt and pepper. Place the arugula in an even layer, followed by the roasted tomatoes, pignola nuts and parmigiano cheese. Carefully roll the pork loin, keeping it tight. With the roll side down tie the pork loin with butchers twine, keep it tight but not cutting through the meat. Brush the loin with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast in an oven set at 350 degree's until fully cooked, about 25 minutes.

For the sauce: Heat a sauce pot over medium heat and add the olive oil. Add the carrots, onions and celery and caramelize in the pot. Deglaze the pot with the red wine and tomato paste. Add the chicken stock and reduce by half, strain and whisk in the butter. Season with salt and pepper if needed.

For the spinach. Heat a sauté pan over medium heat add the olive oil and sauté the garlic until golden brown. Add the spinach and sauté. Season with salt and pepper.

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Get Together Winter Buffet" offers entrees, such as pan-seared black bass over sauteed escarole and golden raisins, or pan-roasted Frenched chicken breast with Conserva di pomodor. An assortment of vegetables and salads is available, along with foccacia and artisinal olive bread. Dessert is pecan caramel tart with maple cream.

"I've found that when people are having a large number of guests, they often want to offer 'safe' choices, such as stuffed turkey breast or roast beef, that most people will like," points out Mr. Mangone. "Sometimes, if it's a small group of close friends, they will be a little more adventurous. We thoroughly enjoy it when people explore new tastes."

In-House

Chambers Walk always has an in-house New Year's Eve prix fixe dinner, including four courses, with appetizer, salad, entree, and dessert. There are typically two seatings, and this year's menu is currently being planned.

For lovers of sea food, there is no better place than Princeton's Blue Point Grill. For the past seven years, it has been serving 20 to 25 seafood choices on the dinner menu every night, and customers look forward to the same delicious selection during the holidays.

In addition to the regular menu, Blue Point Grill offers a number of special appetizers and entrees this holiday season. Lobster bisque, Alaskan King crab legs, poached Maine belons with American sturgeon caviar, stuffed bay scallops with a truffle duxelle, and raw bar oyster tasting, with up to nine varieties of east coast and west coast oysters on the half shell, are among the appetizers.

Holiday entrees include salmon en croute, Brazilian lobster tails, seafood chili, crab-stuffed halibut with Old Bay butter sauce, and colossal grilled shrimp with blood orange buerre blanc.

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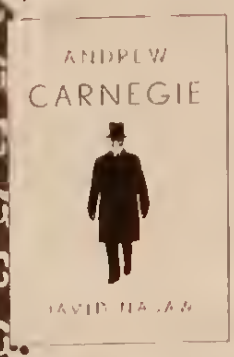
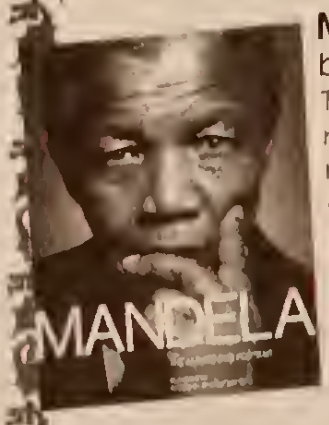


Andrew Carnegie

By David Nasaw

The definitive life of Andrew Carnegie, one of America's most iconic and elusive titans, is majestically told and based on materials not available to any previous biographer. From humble beginnings, he became the richest man in the world. Then he began giving away the fortune he had accumulated and crusading for international peace. A wildly successful businessman and capitalist, a self-educated writer, peace activist, philanthropist, man of letters, lover of culture, and unabashed enthusiast for American democracy and capitalism. Carnegie has remained, to this day, an enigma.



Mandela: The Authorized Portrait

by Bill Clinton and Desmond Tutu Mandela

The Authorized Portrait celebrates the courage, determination, and remarkable humanity of a great man and chronicles his extraordinary contribution to humankind. Drawing on 60 original and extensive interviews with family members, close friends, colleagues, and many of the world's leading figures in politics and entertainment, Mandela: The Authorized Portrait tells the inspirational story of an incredible man and one of the world's notable leaders and most active agents for change. It is illustrated with 250 images and features material taken from private collections as well as the Nelson Mandela Foundation archive-some of it published here for the first time.

Jane Goodall: The Woman Who Redefined Man

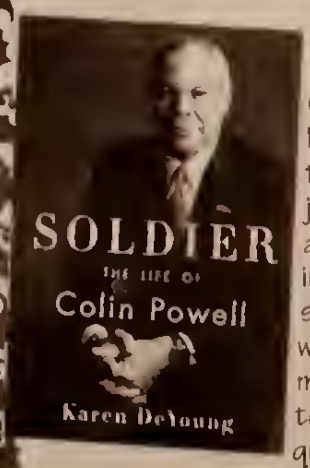
by Dale Peterson

Dale Peterson shows clearly and convincingly how truly remarkable Goodall's accomplishments were and how unlikely it is that anyone else could have duplicated them. Peterson details not only how Jane Goodall revolutionized the study of primates, our closest relatives, but how she helped set radically new standards and a new intellectual style in the study of animal behavior. And he reveals the very private quest that led to another sharp turn in her life, from scientist to activist.

Emma Lazarus

By Esther H. Schor

Emma Lazarus's most famous poem gave a voice to the Statue of Liberty, but her remarkable life has remained a mystery until now. She was a woman so far ahead of her time that we are still scrambling to catch up with her-a feminist, a Zionist, and an internationally famous Jewish American writer before these categories even existed. Drawing upon a cache of personal letters undiscovered until 1980, Princeton University Professor Esther Schor brings this vital woman to life in all her complexity.



Soldier: The Life of Colin Powell

by Karen DeYoung

Over the course of a lifetime of service to his country, Colin Powell became a national hero. Now, in the first full biography of one of the most admired men of our time, award-winning Washington Post journalist Karen DeYoung takes us from Powell's Bronx childhood and meteoric rise through the military ranks to his formative roles in Washington's corridors of power and his controversial tenure as secretary of state. With dramatic new information about the inner workings of an administration locked in ideological combat, DeYoung makes clearer than ever before the decision-making process that took the nation to war and addresses the still-unanswered questions about Powell's departure from his post shortly after the 2004 election.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh: First Lady of the Air

by Kathleen Winters

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Reservations are required for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, says manager Steve Murray. "These are the only two days of the entire year we take reservations, and we start taking them on December 10. Walk-ins are also welcome, but they should expect a hefty wait."

Blue Point Grill does not have a liquor license, and customers are welcome to bring their own wine.

Two Newcomers

Two newcomers to the Princeton area holiday restaurant scene are The Witherspoon Grill and the Blue Bottle Café. Both will serve customers for the first time this holiday season. Opened last February in Princeton, The Witherspoon Grill specializes in steaks and chops. For the holidays, the typical menu of filet mignon, strip steak, pork chops, rack of lamb, and veal T-bone will remain, with the addition of special new selections.

"We have added a pear and blue cheese salad to the appetizer section, and a rack of lamb that includes mashed potatoes is now part of the steak and chop section," says Laura M. English, the restaurant's assistant manager.

"Also, a mushroom and butternut squash is now part of the featured entrees section on our main menu, and we have also added new desserts popular for the holidays, including a warm English toffee pudding cake and a chocolate mousse cake."

The restaurant will offer special wines 'and champagnes for the holidays, and plans for New year's Eve are still pending, she notes.

"We have also revamped our featured cocktails to include warm apple cider, a 'peachtini', and a raspberry Manhattan," says Ms. English. "A brand new selection of winter coffee drinks is now part of our dessert menu, including 'The Witherspoon,' which is a combination of fresh hot coffee, Godiva chocolate liqueur, and Baily's Irish cream; and 'The French Vanilla', a combination of fresh hot coffee, Van Gough Espresso vodka, and Licor 43.

Sit-down holiday parties are now being scheduled, and 24 guests can be accommodated in the restaurant's semi-private Red Room". Smaller numbers can be seated in the regular dining room.

New Menu

The Blue Bottle Café In Hopewell will also celebrate its first holiday season this year, and a special new menu will be introduced on New Year's Eve. Opened last March, the restaurant serves lunch and dinner, with such dishes as pan-seared day boat sea scallops with forbidden black rice, frisee with miso vinaigrette, sciracha and soy syrup; and white bean and escarole soup with applewood smoked bacon, basil, and pecorino romano.

Lunch offers choices such as pan-seared crab cakes with savory cabbage, apple and jicama slaw, and citrus aioli; and grilled chicken sandwich with roasted tomato jam, greens, manchego cheese, and potato salad. Special pumpkin sponge cake roulade with caramel and cream cheese icing is a popular holiday item.

Private parties can be accommodated for lunch and dinner in three different areas, each accommodating 20 to 30 guests.

"As we are still rather new, much of our cooking is tweaked and altered up until the last minute before the dish is first served, and since we have yet to exist a year, the Christmas holiday is upon us for the first time," says owner Rory Philipson. "Interest in our holiday parties is really catching on, and we look forward to seeing lots of people."

The holidays would not be complete without a visit to Bon Appetit in the Princeton Shopping Center. In 2007, this very special gourmet food emporium will have been In Princeton for 40 years! A top-notch, family-operated European food market, it offers all the fine

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Wild Mushroom & Butternut Squash Risotto

Submitted by Witherspoon Grill, Princeton

Makes 6 Servings:

1 butternut squash, about 1½ pounds
2 tblsp butter
1 medium onion, chopped
1½ cups uncooked arborio
1½ cups sliced wild mushrooms (your choice)
½ tsp nutmeg
Cayenne pepper, to taste
4½ cups vegetable (mushroom) broth
¾ cup grated parmesan cheese
¼ cup heavy cream

Prick squash in several places, set in shallow baking dish; bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until tender. Cool slightly; peel, remove seeds and strings from center and cut into 1/2 inch cubes. Set aside.

Melt butter in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook until onion begins to brown, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add rice and mushrooms; stir 1 to 2 minutes. Add nutmeg, cayenne pepper, squash and broth.

Cover and cook 10 minutes stirring occasionally. Stir; reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook until rice is tender and mixture has a creamy consistency, about 10-12 minutes.

Remove from heat; stir in cheese and cream. Serve immediately.

Chicken with Wild Rice and Cranberries

Main Street Euro-American Bistro & Bar
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This recipe is particularly well suited for holiday buffet entertaining because it

d¾ cup raw wild rice
4 Tblsp. butter
4 Tblsp. flour
2 cups chicken stock
½ lb. mushrooms, sliced (2 cups)
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 Tblsp. minced shallot
¾ cup heavy cream
Pinch nutmeg
Salt and pepper to taste
1½ cups cooked boneless chicken, cubed
½ cup dried cranberries (or cherries)

Rice: Rinse and drain wild rice. Place in saucepan with 2½ cups water. Bring to a boil. Simmer, covered one hour or until tender yet still slightly firm. Drain and set aside

Sauce: Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a sauce pan. Blend in the flour, cooking briefly. Slowly whisk in the stock bringing to a boil. Simmer 15 minutes. In the meantime, melt remaining tablespoon of butter in a sauté pan. Add the sliced mushrooms and lemon juice. When mushrooms are tender, add the shallots. Continue cooking to evaporate most of the liquid from the pan. Stir in the cream, nutmeg, salt and pepper. Simmer 10 minutes longer. Set aside.

To complete: combine reserved rice, cooked mushrooms, cubed chicken and dried cranberries in a casserole. Blend in the sauce. Cover. *(At this point the casserole may be refrigerated up to one day or frozen up to a month.)*

When ready to serve: Bring to room temperature. Bake covered in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes.

Area Restaurants

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culinary delights of larger establishments in a convenient and friendly environment.

Known especially for its selection of nearly 300 cheeses from around the world, Bon Appetit is a treasure-trove and visual pleasure during the holidays. Gorgeously wrapped chocolates, colorful tins of cookies and teas, special olive oils, vinegars — and so much more — fill the store.

International Offering

Because Bon Appetit specializes in such an international offering, some items can be categorized by country, notes co-owner Deeann Lemmerling. "Fois gras, chocolate truffles, yule logs, and chestnuts from France are highlighted," she points out. "From Italy, there is panettone, panforte, and maron glace. Switzerland is known for the special Vacherin Mont d'Or cheese (available only six weeks a year), Raclette cheese, and of course, chocolates."

From Germany, stollen, lebkuchen, chocolate ornaments, Asbach chocolates, and marzipan pigs are traditional, and Great Britain's plum pudding, Stilton cheese, teas, and marmalade are all holiday favorites.

The U.S. is represented at Bon Appetit with a selection of maple sugar products, novelty chocolates, mulling spices, California dried fruits and nuts, and cheese (including from New Jersey). Imports from Australia include cheese, honey, licorice, macadamia nuts, and macadamia oils, and from Belgium: chocolate, certainly! And also, cheeses and cookies.

Speculaas, almond cake, chocolate Hagel, stroopnafels, and cheeses are specialties of the Netherlands, and Vasterbottenzost and Nokkelost cheeses from Scandinavia are a holiday treat. Customers will also find dried fig wheels, manchego cheese, and Membrillo paste from Spain, and divine dulce de leche, as well as cheeses from South America.

With its big selection of prepared food, Bon Appetit is a great place to stop in and pick up dinner on the way home from shopping. Fabulous desserts abound, including the signature yule log and various tarts, cakes and cookies. Christmas cookies are a very big item now, as are Panettone from Italy, and stollen and marzipan from Germany.

Catering is a growing part of Bon Appetit's business, and all size events are accommodated. Holiday menus for Christmas and New Year's dinners will be available, with a variety of selections offered. For New Year's, reports Ms. Lemmerling, fresh caviar and fois gras are the big items.

And what would caviar and fois gras be without champagne to accompany them?

"A top-of-the-line champagne, such as Perrier-Jouet vintage flower bottle is a great holiday gift for someone on your list or for yourself," points out Mark Bovenizer, owner of Community Liquors.

Indeed, wines and spirits are a traditional part of holiday festivities, and Mr. Bovenizer is ready to help party-givers with suggestions.

"Advising people for their parties is a big part of our business. We estimate the amounts of wine and beer and mixers they'll need, depending on the type of crowd and the size and type of party — if it's a dinner party or cocktail party. Helping people to organize their party is enjoyable for me."

As for gift-giving, wines and spirits continue to be popular, he adds. "People are giving larger size wine bottles as gifts for the holidays, such as magnums. What we call 'large format' wine. Also, specialty light sweet dessert wines and sauternes, including Chateau Yguen, a late harvest dessert wine from Bordeaux, France. Also popular is port from Portugal, and single malt scotches.

"A special vintage cognac is a favorite gift, and Samuel Smith 'Winter Welcome' beer from England is a delicious beer for winter, another great gift."

Custom gift baskets are a popular holiday item, and Community Liquors can offer a variety. "Also, we partner with Bon Appetit, adding one or two bottles of wine to a basket with cheese and other Bon Appetit specialties," says Mr. Bovenizer. "In addition, we also pre-wrap wine bottles in a box with a bow. Everyone is in a rush, and this is very popular. We also offer free delivery in Princeton."

No question, December is one of the busiest social months of the year, with an abundance of festivities and food. Whether the celebration is at home or in one of the area's special restaurants, the food will be flavorful, the good cheer plentiful, and the camaraderie bountiful. Enjoy!

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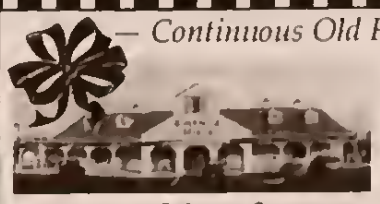

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- School supplies for children
- Toys for children — infant through teens
- Books — all ages
- Gift cards: e.g. Target, Kohl's, Old Navy
- Gift cards for families e.g. Wal Mart, AMC Theatre, Family Restaurants
- Kosher non perishable and perishable food

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Multicultural from its inception, our student population-primarily Hispanic and African American - reflects the community of which we are proud to be a part. As we celebrate more than 78 years of service to the community, we remain committed to building strong families and a strong education foundation for the children.

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Drop-off at the YWCA's Bramwell House porch on Paul Robeson Place will be on Wednesday, December 20, 8 a.m. to noon, where all gifts can be left for distribution later that day. Those who would like to participate but cannot shop for a family may make a donation to the YWCA Princeton Child Care Center at the Valley Road School Scholarship Fund. One child is funded for one day with a gift of $25, one week for $125, one month for $500, and one year for $6,000. All donations in any amount are gratefully appreciated.

The St. Nicholas Project was organized by Jill Jachero, on attorney with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. The Project was named in memory of her nephew Nicholas Nutile, who was killed in an automobile accident. Ms. Jachera encourages any business or individual to join in the grass roots effort to enrich the lives of families in our own community. Please contact her at 609-919-6608 for more information.

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